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Watseco-Barview Water District Elliot Herder, Board President PO Box 295 Rockaway Beach, OR 97136

RE: Bilateral Compliance Agreement to address the exceedance of the maximum contaminant level for total trihalomethanes

Mr. Herder,

I'm sure you are aware that water sampling results from Watseco-Barview Water District have exceeded the maximum contaminant level for total trihalomethanes (TTHM) throughout 2008, 2009, and 2010.

The running annual average (RAA) is the calculation used to determine compliance with the MCL for TTHM. The RAA for TTHM in water provided by Watseco-Barview WD, including the sample collected on August 30, 2010, was 0.0875 mg/L. That exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for TTHM of 0.080 mg/L. The RAA also exceeded the MCL for the four calendar quarters prior to that. The running annual average is now 0.0758 mg/L after including the sample collected on November 30, 2010.

Drinking water regulations require all water systems to comply with MCLs, and due to normal fluctuations in water quality, the recent change TTHM levels in water produced by your water district doesn't mean that TTHM levels will remain below the MCL. In an effort to ensure that TTHM levels in Watseco-Barview water remain below the MCL, we need to know if you have made any changes to your water system since the first TTHM result exceeded the MCL on September 17, 2008.

Please submit a report indicating all of the specific changes that have been made to the infrastructure and operation of Watseco-Barview Water District's water treatment system, distribution system, and reservoir since October 2008. If no significant changes have been made, a simple written statement to that effect will suffice, and we will proceed with a Bi-Lateral Compliance Agreement to ensure that the District is on track to compliance.

The report should be submitted to the Drinking Water Program by February 28, 2011.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call Brad Daniels at the Drinking Water Program at 971-673-0407.

Respectfully,

Brad Daniels, Enforcement Coordinator

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