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Dear Ms. Galloway,

I received your letter dated December 5, 2017 and discussed your request to waive treatment for nitrates based on your monitoring results with the Oregon Health Authority- Drinking Water Services (OHA-DWS) staff. Unfortunately, we cannot grant this request because we do not see a definitive reason for decreased nitrate levels.

Your letter included soil sample charts from two fields that are nearby the wells. Our concern after reviewing these charts and comparing them with nitrate water sample results is that they do not correlate. For example, the soil sample charts both show very high nitrate levels in 2012, but the water results for nitrates taken on 11/20/2012 were only 1.50 MG/L and 1.70 MG/L. Also the high nitrate levels in the water results that were noticed on 4/22/2015 were 10.70 MG/L, on 5/12/2015 were 12.60 MG/L, on 4/5/2016 were 14.40 MG/L and on 4/11/2016 were 13.1 MG/L but the soil sample charts show lower levels of nitrates. In conclusion, the soil data do not adequately justify why nitrate treatment should be waived.

Treatment for Nitrate is still required. A deadline of March 15, 2018 will be required to install the treatment (PR#2017-2) per the plans outlined in the conditional approval letter from OHA-DWS dated April 21, 2017.

If you have any questions or need this information in an alternate format please call me at 503-508-6028 or email me at sschwab@oda.state.or.us.

Sincerely,

Sarah Schwab
Operations & Automation Specialist

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