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BEFORE THE STATE OF OREGON
OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY
PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION
CENTER FOR HEALTH PROTECTION

In the Matter of

Teeney Weeney Water System, PWS
OR4105969

Respondent

NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

To: Debbie and Randy Logue
34385 SE Compton Rd.
Boring, OR 97009

Teeney Weeney Water System (hereinafter “Water System”) has at all times mentioned herein been owned and operated, and continues to be owned and operated, as a public water system serving residences along SE Compton Road, near the address 34385 SE Compton Road in Boring, Oregon. The Water System is an Oregon very small public water system serving approximately 15 people and is subject to regulation under Oregon Revised Statutes 448.115 to 448.290 and Oregon Administrative Rules 333-061-0005 to 333-061-0272.

Debbie and Randy Logue (hereinafter “Water Supplier”), as the representatives and operators of the Water System, you are a water supplier as defined in Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 448.115(12) and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-061-0020, and as a water supplier, have specific responsibilities that are identified in OAR 333-061-0025.

Pursuant to its authority established in ORS 431A.010 and ORS 448.255, the Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division, Center for Health Protection, Drinking Water Services (DWS) has investigated the operation of the Water System.

DWS found, during its investigation, that drinking water provided by the Water System violated the standard for *E. coli* bacteria. Also, Water Supplier has not reported sample results for coliform bacteria. Water Supplier is therefore unable to assure its water users that the water is sufficiently free from contaminants such that individuals will not be exposed to disease or harmful physiological effects (ORS 448.115(8)). This represents a potential public health hazard.

This Notice of Violation and Administrative Order (Order) is being issued to Water Supplier for the specific violations of the Oregon Drinking Water Quality Act (ORS 448.115 to ORS 448.290) and rules found during DWS' investigation as described below.

DESCRIPTION OF RULE VIOLATIONS

1. OAR 333-061-0100(1)(b)(A) specifies, in part, that the standard for *E. coli* applies to Oregon very small public water systems and is violated when *E. coli* bacteria are present in at least one sample and total coliform bacteria are present in another sample within a 30-day period. Coliform monitoring reported for the Water System indicates *E. coli* bacteria were present in samples collected on both January 4 and January 7, 2022 and reported on January 5 and January 10, 2022 respectively. This violates the standard for *E. coli* bacteria and constitutes a violation of OAR 333-061-0100(1)(b).

E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Human pathogens in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a greater health risk for infants, young children, the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. OAR 333-061-0097

2. OAR 333-061-0100(2)(c) requires, in part, water suppliers to monitor for coliform bacteria at least once every calendar quarter and report monitoring results to DWS within 10 days of the end of the required monitoring period. Water Supplier has not reported coliform bacteria monitoring for the Water System since reporting a sample collected on August 22, 2023. This constitutes three separate violations of OAR 333-061-0100(2).

ACTIONS REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE

Water Supplier is required to conduct the remedial actions described below which, if taken within the time specified in this Order, will constitute compliance with the rule(s) violated (ORS 448.255(3)).

1. Water Supplier must submit a plan for preventing the presence of *E. coli* bacteria in drinking water at the Water System. The plan must:
 - Identify the corrective actions taken to remove the source of the *E. coli* bacteria from the drinking water and to prevent the future presence of the bacteria; or
 - Identify how drinking water will be disinfected to abate the health risk posed by the bacteria, as prescribed by OAR 333-061-0100(3)(c). A reasonable deadline or time frame for installing disinfection must be proposed, along with a list of the tasks Water Supplier intends to perform to ensure continuous distribution of safe drinking water at the Water System.
 - The plan must be submitted to Compliance Specialist Brad Daniels at bradley.k.daniels@oha.oregon.gov no later than 60 days after the date of this Order.
2. Water Supplier must perform and complete all tasks proposed for future completion in the action plan described in Corrective Action No. 1, by the deadlines or according to the time frames in the action plan, and Water Supplier must notify DWS in writing within 5 calendar days of completing all the tasks. For this corrective action to be met, any construction or installation that was performed must be approved by DWS.
3. Water Supplier must monitor for coliform bacteria at the Water System, according to all the applicable provisions of OAR 333-061-0100(2)(c).
 - Monitoring for coliform bacteria must be conducted no later than 30 days after the date of service of this Order. The monitoring results must be reported to DWS no later than 10 days after the end of the month in which monitoring was conducted.
 - Water Supplier will have complied with this corrective action after coliform bacteria are reported to DWS for two consecutive calendar quarters according to all the applicable provisions of OAR 333-061-0100(2)(c).

GENERAL PROVISIONS AND CIVIL PENALTIES

This Order does not constitute a waiver, suspension or modification of the requirements of the Oregon Drinking Water Quality Act (ORS 448.115 to 448.290) and Oregon Administrative Rules OAR 333-061-0005 to 333-061-0272, which remain in full force and effect.

This Order does not relieve Water Supplier of any responsibilities or liabilities established pursuant to any applicable federal, state, or local law or regulation.

Issuance of this Order is not an election by DWS to forgo any civil actions authorized under the Oregon Drinking Water Quality Act.

Failure to comply with any of the requirements in this Order by the specified due date may result in additional enforcement action, which could include assessment of civil penalties in the amount of \$50 per day per violation (OAR 333-061-0090). Civil penalties may be assessed beginning the day following the date of service of this Order and accruing through the date when DWS issues a Notice of Intent to Impose Civil Penalty. For example, if DWS issues a Notice of Intent to Impose Civil Penalty on October 10, 2024 for failure to report coliform bacteria according to this Order, the proposed civil penalty could be as much as \$1,500.

Pursuant to ORS 448.990(2), violations of a rule of the Oregon Health Authority may be a crime in Oregon and punishable as a Class A misdemeanor.

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING

You are entitled to a hearing as provided by the Administrative Procedure Act (Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapter 183). If you want a hearing you must file a written request for hearing with DWS within 10 days from the date this Order was mailed. **The request for hearing must be sent to: Samina Panwhar, Manager; Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services; and may be delivered by mail to PO Box 14450, Portland, OR 97293 or by email to samina.t.panwhar@oha.oregon.gov.**

If you request a hearing, DWS will notify you of the time and place at which the hearing will be held. You may enlist representation by legal counsel. Per ORS 413.041, a party that is not a natural person may be represented by an attorney or by any officer or authorized agent or employee of the party. Parties are ordinarily represented by counsel. DWS will be represented by an Assistant Attorney General. Prior to the hearing date,

DWS will provide you with information on the procedures, right of representation and other rights of parties relating to the conduct of the hearing. An administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings will be assigned to preside over the hearing, as required by ORS 183.635.

If you do not make a timely request for a hearing, the Notice of Violation and Administrative Order will become final and effective 11 days after the date this Order was mailed. If the Order becomes final in this manner, you will have the right to appeal the order to the Oregon Court of Appeals pursuant to ORS 183.482. To appeal you must file a petition for judicial review with the Court of Appeals within 71 days from the day this order was mailed. If you do not file a petition for judicial review within the 71-day period, you will lose your right to appeal.

If you do not request a hearing and DWS subsequently issues a Notice Imposing a Civil Penalty, you will have waived any right to contest the violations.

If you withdraw a request for hearing, or notify DWS or the administrative law judge that you will not appear or fail to appear at a scheduled hearing, DWS may issue a final order by default. If the Order becomes final in this manner, you will have the right to appeal the Order to the Oregon Court of Appeals pursuant to ORS 183.482. To appeal you must file a petition for judicial review with the Court of Appeals within 60 days from the day this Order was mailed. If you do not file a petition for judicial review within the 60-day period, you will lose your right to appeal.

Notice to Active Duty Servicemembers

Active-duty service members have a right to stay proceedings under the federal Service members Civil Relief Act and may contact the Oregon State Bar at 1 (800) 452-8260 or the Oregon Military Department at 503-584-3571 for more information. The internet address for the United States Armed Forces Legal Assistance Locator website is <http://legalassistance.law.af.mil>.

DWS has designated its complete file on the Water System as the record in this case for purposes of proving a prima facie case upon default.

If you need to receive the information in this Order in an alternate format, or if you have any questions about the requirements in this Order, please contact Brad K. Daniels at bradley.k.daniels@oha.oregon.gov or 503-735-5438.

Date 8/28/2024



Samina Panwhar, Manager
Drinking Water Services
Oregon Health Authority

cc: Joel Ferguson, Clackamas County Environmental Public Health
Keith Male, Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services
Kari Salis, Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water

DATE of Service: August 29, 2024



Signature

Brad K. Daniels

Printed Name

By certified mail and first-class mail