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OPRD TUB SPRINGS STATE WAYSIDE PWS# 4191034 DAVE MAYNARD 3792 N. RIVER RD. Gold Hill, OR 97525

## **RE:** MICROSCOPIC PARTICULATE ANALYSIS SAMPLING REQUIREMENT PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM # 4191034 OPRD TUB SPRINGS STATE WAYSIDE

Dear Mr. Maynard,

This letter acknowledges that a significant percentage of the monthly Assessment Monitoring samples collected from your water system in conformance with the Groundwater Rule were positive for total coliform; the recent coliform test results below:

Sample Date	# Samples	Sample Type	Coliform Type	Results ID	Sample Site	Facility
Aug 12, 2020	1	AS	Total	POSITIVE 2008053101	SPRING BOX	SRC-AA
Jul 08, 2020	1	AS	Total	POSITIVE 2007034901	SPRING BOX	SRC-AA
May 13, 2020	1	AS	Total	POSITIVE 2005047201	SPRING BOX	SRC-AA
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Apr 08, 2020	1	AS	Total	POSITIVE 2004029201	SPRING BOX	SRC-AA
Feb 07, 2020	1	AS	Total	POSITIVE 20020289	SPRING BOX	SRC-AA
Jan 09, 2020	1	AS	Total	POSITIVE 20010378	SPRING BOX	SRC-AA

Based on the presence of total coliform in (SRC-AA) the Unnamed-Spring is required to be evaluated for groundwater under the direct influence of surface water (GWUDI). To determine if the source is under the direct influence of surface water, the source must be analyzed through the collection of two microscopic particulate analyses samples. The MPAs specifically search for the presence of surface water organisms in the raw water samples (see enclosed Groundwater under the Direct Influence and Microscopic Particulate Analysis Fact Sheet).

Two MPA samples will need to be collected from the Unnamed-Spring during the 2020-2021 operating season. The first sample should be collected during a period of high runoff after a period of significant precipitation during the late fall through early spring. The second sample should be collected during an extended dry period typically in late summer. Samples shall be taken a minimum of 30 days apart.

Samples for MPA are <u>not</u> collected out of the tap directly into bottles as other samples, such as coliform and nitrate, typically are. The samples are collected by pumping water from a raw water sample tap through a specialized sampling device and filter (see attached MPA Fact Sheet for an example of the water sampling device).

Not all drinking water laboratories offer to perform the MPA. In order to assist you in finding a laboratory, attached is a list of some of the laboratories in the region that perform the MPA and approximate analysis cost and rental fee for the sampling apparatus (see attached list for Laboratories that Provide Microscopic Particulate Analysis).

Please refer to the link for more information on groundwater under the direct influence and the MPA analysis: http://public.health.oregon.gov/HealthyEnvironments/DrinkingWater/SourceWater/Pages/gwudi.aspx

If after reading the enclosed information you still have questions or would like this letter in digital format for live hyperlinks, please contact me at 541-726-2587 (32) or by email at <a href="mailto:shawn.p.stevenson@state.or.us">shawn.p.stevenson@state.or.us</a>

Sincerely,

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