



PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION  
Center for Health Protection, Drinking Water Services

Tina Kotek, Governor

Oregon  
**Health**  
Authority

800 NE Oregon St.  
Portland, Oregon 97232-2162  
Voice (971) 673-0405  
FAX (971) 673-0694  
TTY (971) 673-0372

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

In the Matter of

Cascade Gorge Properties, PWS  
OR4191556

Respondent

NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

To: Jimmy Tsan Su  
PO Box 1518  
Cave Junction, OR 97523

Jimmy Tsan Su, you have at all times mentioned herein owned and operated, and continue to own and operate, the public water system (hereinafter "Water System") serving businesses and manufactured dwellings located at 2651 Mill Creek Drive in Prospect, Oregon. The Water System is a community public water system serving approximately 30 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.

Jimmy Tsan Su (hereinafter "Water Supplier"), you are therefore 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 Water Supplier does not employ an operator to manage and oversee the Water System. Also, Water Supplier has not completed the plan approval process for major additions or modifications at the Water System. 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 333-061-0030(1) specifies that the MCL for arsenic in drinking water is 0.010 mg/L. Sample results reported for the Water System, beginning with a sample collected on September 13, 2022 exceeded the MCL and the average concentration of arsenic in drinking water, calculated according to OAR 333-061-0036(2)(h) and based on samples collected between September 13, 2022 and June 23, 2023 is 0.012 mg/L.

Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. OAR 333-061-0097

2. OAR 333-061-0060(1) requires, in part, water suppliers to submit construction and installation plans for approval before construction begins on major additions to existing public water systems. Water Supplier installed a treatment system to reduce concentrations of arsenic in drinking water at the Water System, but this treatment system was not approved for use prior to construction and installation, and the treatment system has not been given final plan approval as of the date of this Order. This constitutes a violation of the OAR 333-061-0060(1).

3. OAR 333-061-0225(1) requires, in part, water suppliers to at all times employ, contract with, or otherwise utilize an operator to be in direct responsible charge of every community public water system. Additionally, the operator must be certified at a level equal to or greater than the classification of the water system for which they are responsible. DWS records indicate that an operator certified at Treatment Level 1 must be in direct responsible charge of the Water System but Water Supplier has not designated an operator to be in direct responsible charge of as required. This constitutes a violation of OAR 333-061-0225.

### 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 take all necessary actions to complete the conditions required for final approval of the arsenic treatment in use at the Water System.
  - Water Supplier must submit verification to DWS that all plan approval conditions have been satisfied no later than 60 days after the date of service of this Order.
2. Water Supplier must hire, contract with or otherwise employ an operator certified at Treatment Level 1 and designate that operator to be in direct responsible charge of the Water System.
  - Water Supplier must submit verification that an operator was designated to be in direct responsible charge of the Water System no later than 60 days after the date of service of this Order.

### 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 November 1, 2023 for failure to complete plan approval and for failure to employ a certified operator according to this Order, the proposed civil penalty could be as much as \$3,000.

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](mailto: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](mailto:bradley.k.daniels@oha.oregon.gov) or 503-735-5438.

Date 8/28/2023



---

Samina Panwhar, Manager  
Drinking Water Services  
Oregon Health Authority

cc: Zach Golik, Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services

DATE of Service: 8/29/2023



\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Michelle Byrd

Printed Name

By certified mail and first-class mail