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July 25, 2024

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Otis Junction Water System  
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Re: **Water System Non-Compliance and Significant Deficiency**  
**Otis Junction Water System (PWS 41-92028)**

Dear Matthew:

A Level 2 Coliform Investigation was completed for **Otis Junction Water System** on **June 19, 2024**. The coliform investigation was triggered when the system failed to collect coliform repeat samples following a positive coliform sample during routine monitoring on June 5, 2024. Lincoln County Environmental Health attempted to contact the system on June 24, 2024, but did not receive a response. The **Otis Junction Water System** was to complete corrective action by **July 22, 2024**, or have an Authority-approved corrective action plan with a reasonable timeframe to complete the corrective action. To date, this information has not been received. As a result, the Otis Junction Water System is in violation and is now subject to formal enforcement which could include the assessment of civil penalties. In order to return to compliance and avoid formal enforcement action, your corrective action plan to the defects found in the Level 2 Coliform Investigation **must be received and approved by August 23, 2024**. Please send information to **baxter.call@oha.oregon.gov**. A copy of the investigation report is enclosed for your reference. A summary of the defects requiring corrective action are below:

- No designated operator
- No Operations and Maintenance Manual
- Major modifications not approved. See the attached plan review conditional approval letter for additional details.

Since **Otis Junction Water System** failed to take action within the required timeframe, you **must provide a Tier 2 Public Notice** to all persons served by the water system as soon as practical and by no later than 30 days after the date of this letter. The public notice must include the mandatory language and corrective action taken. You are also required to issue a repeat notice every three months until all deficiencies are corrected, or you are in compliance with an approved corrective action plan. A copy of the Tier 2 public notice instructions and template are enclosed.

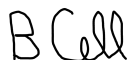
A copy of the public notice must be sent to OHA – Drinking Water Services, PO Box 14350, Portland, OR 97293-0350 within ten (10) days after completion to certify that the **Otis Junction Water System** has fully complied with the distribution and public notification requirements.

During the Level 2 Coliform Investigation, a dug well was discovered in close proximity to the system’s main well (LINC 1746). Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) conducted an inspection of both wells on July 17, 2024, and concluded that the dug well is unapproved. An unapproved well within 100-feet of the main well is a significant deficiency requiring correction. The dug well must be properly abandoned, or a corrective action plan must be **received and approved by August 23, 2024**. Please contact Tommy Laird at OWRD by phone at **503-302-8618** or via email at [tommy.k.laird@water.oregon.gov](mailto:tommy.k.laird@water.oregon.gov) to discuss abandonment of the dug well.

Please contact me by phone at **541-393-4374** or via email at [baxter.call@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:baxter.call@oha.oregon.gov) if you have any questions or comments.

I appreciate your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Baxter Call, PE  
Regional Engineer  
OHA-Drinking Water Services

cc: Kaline Chavarria, REHS, Lincoln County Environmental Health  
Tommy Laird, Oregon Water Resources Department

Enc: Tier 2 Public Notice Template  
Level 2 Coliform Investigation Report  
PR #193-2023 Conditional Approval Letter