

November 22, 2024

Frank Rose
Grants Pass/Merlin Lodge No. 2454, Loyal Order of the Moose
330 Merlin Avenue
Merlin, OR 97532

RE: Violation of the maximum contaminant level for *E. coli* bacteria at the Grants Pass Moose Lodge public water system, ID# 93502

Dear Frank Rose,

Recent samples reported for your water system indicate coliform bacteria in the drinking water caused a violation of the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for *E. coli* bacteria. The presence of these bacteria 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

Please continue consultation with Justin Fimbres at Josephine County Public Health at 541-474-5325 so that you can disinfect the water system and abate the contamination as quickly as possible.

- 1) You must issue public notice to customers within 24 hours if not completed previously and submit a copy to DWS at compliance.dw@odhsoha.oregon.gov within 10 days of the date of this letter. An appropriate public notice template is available online at <https://www.oregon.gov/public-notices>. Please complete the template with information for your water system and distribute the notice to customers as soon as possible.

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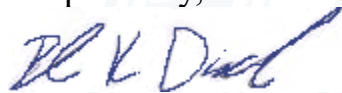
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You can contact DWS circuit rider for technical assistance at mgochnour@civilwest.net or 541-266-8601. Visit the webpage: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYENVIRONMENTS/DRINKINGWATER/OPERATIONS/Pages/circuitrider.aspx> for more information about the DWS circuit rider program.

The actions described in this letter are required by Oregon Administrative Rules 333-061-0025, 333-061-0030 and 333-061-0042. Please contact me at bradley.k.daniels@oha.oregon.gov or (503) 735-5438 if you have any questions or to discuss the actions required in this letter.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Respectfully,



Brad K. Daniels
Compliance Specialist
Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services

cc: Kent Downs, Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services
Justin Fimbres, Josephine County Public Health

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