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Sent by email only

Re: Guidance regarding compliance with interim operational standards and the
SWTR – Wilderville Country Store – PWS# 41-95054

Dear Morgan:

As indicated in the letter you received on April 16, 2025, the well known as Lower Well #2 or SRC-AB, has been reclassified by the Oregon Health Authority– Drinking Water Services (OHA-DWS) as groundwater under the direct influence of surface water (GWUDI).

The reclassification was based on the risk score obtained through a microscopic particulate analysis (MPA) that was taken on March 26, 2025. The result of the MPA analysis showed a risk score of 30. According to Oregon Administrative Rule 333-061-0032(7)(i)(C)(ii), if any MPA risk score is greater than 19, the water system source is classified as GWUDI.

As a result of the GWUDI classification, Wilderville Country Store drinking water source (SRC-AB) is subject to provisions of the Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR).

Wilderville Country Store will have 18 months from the date of the GWUDI determination (April 16, 2025) to meet the requirements stated in [OAR 333-061-0032\(1\) through \(5\)](#). If these requirements are not met by the 18-month deadline, Wilderville Country Store water system may be subject to formal enforcement.

For Wilderville Country Store (SRC-AB) to comply with the SWTR, the following options are available:

1. Provide filtration and disinfection treatment as required by OAR 333-61-0032.
2. Develop a new groundwater well outside the distance-hydrogeologic setting criteria, as outlined in OAR 333-61-0032 (7)(a)(A)(i-v). Wells or springs located outside the distance criteria are typically classified as groundwater.
3. Suspend the use of the Lower Well #2 (SRC-AB) and purchase water from a nearby approved system.

Once Wilderville Country Store has selected one of the options to achieve compliance listed above, the necessary water system modifications must be operational by **October 16, 2026**.

Prior to implementation of one of the options, plans will need to be submitted to OHA-DWS for review (see <http://public.health.oregon.gov/HealthyEnvironments/DrinkingWater/PlanReview/Pages/index.aspx> for plan review information). The plans submitted to OHA-DWS must be prepared by a registered Professional Engineer.

Interim Operation Plan

Water system sources that have been determined to be GWUDI and have 18 months to meet the requirements of the SWTR must also meet the following interim standards (see OAR 333-061-0032 (1)(c)):

- The turbidity of water entering the distribution system must never exceed 5 NTU. Turbidity measurements must be taken a minimum of once per day. If continuous turbidimeters are in place, measurements should be recorded every four hours.
- Disinfection must be sufficient to reliably achieve at least 1.0 log inactivation of *Giardia lamblia* cysts prior to the first user. Daily disinfection CT values must be calculated and recorded daily, including pH and temperature measurements and disinfection residuals at the first customer.

- Reports must be submitted to OHA-DWS monthly as prescribed in OAR 333-061-0040.
- If these interim standards are not met, the owner or operator of the water system must notify customers of the failure as required in OAR 333-061-0042(2)(b)(A).

If you have any questions regarding the GWUDI determination, the SWTR, or compliance with the interim operational measures, please contact me at 541-214-4786.

Sincerely,



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