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Emily Wilcox  
Reehers Homestead, Incorporated  
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RE: Violation of the maximum contaminant level for *E. coli* bacteria at the Reehers Homestead public water system, ID# 95478

Dear Emily Wilcox,

Recent samples reported for your water system indicate bacteria in the drinking water caused a violation of the standard for *E. coli* bacteria in drinking water. 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 Jaime Craig at 503-842-3909 so that you can disinfect the water system and abate the contamination as quickly as possible.

- 1) You must cooperate with Tillamook County Community Health to identify the source of bacteria in the drinking water determine the most effective corrective action to remove that source. If a source of the contamination cannot be identified, you must install treatment to continuously disinfect the drinking water and afterward report sampling to demonstrate bacteria are no longer present in the drinking water.

You must submit a written plan to [bradley.k.daniels@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:bradley.k.daniels@oha.oregon.gov) at the Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services (DWS), no later than 90 days after the date of this letter, identifying the corrective action you will take to eliminate the presence of *E. coli* bacteria in drinking water. The corrective action plan must include a projected date by which you can, as quickly as possible, provide safe drinking water to water users.

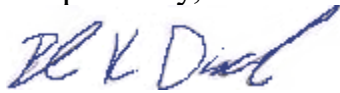
- 2) You must also issue public notice to customers within 24 hours if not completed previously and submit a copy to DWS at [compliance.dw@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:compliance.dw@odhsoha.oregon.gov) within 10 days of the date of this letter. An appropriate public notice template is available online 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.

You can contact DWS circuit rider for technical assistance at [mgochnour@civilwest.net](mailto: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 Rule 333-061-0100. Please contact me at [bradley.k.daniels@oha.oregon.gov](mailto: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,



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Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services

cc: Jaime Craig, Tillamook County Community Health  
Daniel Hough, Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services  
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