

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

In the Matter of

LDS Christian Church in
Lakeview, PWS OR41-95502

Respondent

NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

To: Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of the Church of
Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
LDS Christian Church in Lakeview
17880 Highway 395
Lakeview, OR 97630-9119

The Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has at all times mentioned herein owned and operated, and continues to own and operate, the Christian Church in Lakeview water system (hereinafter “Water System”) located at 17880 Highway 395 in Lakeview, Oregon. The Water System is a transient non-community public water system serving approximately 25 people and is subject to regulation under Oregon Revised Statutes 448.115 to 448.290 and Oregon Administrative Rules 333-061-0005 to 333-061-0272.¹

¹ This Notice of Violation and Administrative Order relies on the definitions in ORS 448.115 and OAR 333-061-0020

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The Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (hereinafter “Water Supplier”) is 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, has 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 did not investigate the source of bacteria in drinking water, or consistently report sample results for coliform bacteria or nitrate. 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 333-061-0025(1) requires water suppliers to routinely collect and submit water samples for laboratory analyses at the frequencies prescribed by OAR 333-061-0036. OAR 333-061-0036(2) and (6) require sampling for nitrate and coliform bacteria respectively, at public water systems. Water Supplier did not report sample results to DWS as described below, which constitutes a violation of OAR 333-061-0025(1) if samples were in fact not collected.
2. OAR 333-061-0036(2)(c) requires water suppliers to monitor for nitrate at least once every year at public water systems. Additionally, OAR 333-061-0040(1)(b)(A) requires water suppliers to report monitoring required by OAR 333-061-0036 to DWS within 10 days of the end of the required monitoring period. Water Supplier has not reported nitrate monitoring for the Water System since reporting a sample collected on February 9, 2022. This constitutes a violation of OAR 333-061-0036(2)(c), or a violation of OAR 333-061-0040(1)(b)(A) if monitoring was conducted but not reported.

3. OAR 333-061-0036(6)(b)(C) requires, in part, water suppliers to monitor for coliform bacteria at least once every month at public water systems. Additionally, OAR 333-061-0040(1)(b)(A) requires water suppliers to report monitoring required by OAR 333-061-0036 to DWS within 10 days of the end of the required monitoring period. Water Supplier only reported coliform monitoring for the Water System for the months of August and October 2024, since monthly monitoring was assigned in June 2024. This constitutes a violation of OAR 333-061-0036(6), or a violation of OAR 333-061-0040(1)(b)(A) if monitoring was conducted but not reported.
4. OAR 333-061-0078(2)(a) requires, in part, water suppliers to conduct a coliform investigation if coliform bacteria are present in more than one sample at public water systems. Total coliform bacteria were present in samples reported to DWS on May 9 and May 11, 2024 but Water Supplier did not submit an investigation report for review and approval, following the presence of bacteria. This constitutes a violation of OAR 333-061-0078(2) if the investigation was not completed.

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 immediately monitor for nitrate at the Water System, according to OAR 333-061-0036(2)(a) and report the monitoring results to DWS no later than 30 days after the date of service of this Order.
2. Water Supplier must monitor for coliform bacteria according to all the applicable provisions of OAR 333-061-0036(6) at the Water System.
 - Routine monitoring for coliform bacteria must be conducted at the Water System every month and the results reported to DWS no later than 10 days after the end of every month, according to OAR 333-061-0040(1)(b)(A).
 - Routine, repeat and source water monitoring for coliform bacteria must continue according to the applicable provisions of OAR 333-061-0036(6), and all monitoring results must be reported to DWS within 10 days of the end of the applicable monitoring period according to OAR 333-061-0040(1)(b)(A).

- Water Supplier will have complied with this corrective action after coliform bacteria monitoring is reported to DWS for six consecutive months according to all the applicable provisions of OAR 333-061-0036(6) and OAR 333-061-0040(1).

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). For example, if DWS issues a Notice of Intent to Impose Civil Penalty on February 10, 2025 for failure to report nitrate and coliform bacteria monitoring 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.**

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 identified in this Order.

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 or 503-735-5438.

LDS Christian Church in Lakeview

Date 12/6/2024



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Drinking Water Services
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cc: Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day
Saints (Salt Lake City)
Russ Kazmierczak, Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services
Javan Stegner, LDS Church in Lakeview

DATE of Service: December 10, 2024



Signature

Brad K. Daniels

Printed Name

By certified mail and first-class mail