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RE: Violation of the maximum contaminant level for *E. coli* bacteria at the Oakridge Chapel public water system

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 consult further with personnel at Lane County Environmental Health at 541-682-4480 so that you can disinfect the water system and abate the contamination as quickly as possible. In addition:

- 1) You must cooperate with Lane County Environmental Health during an inspection of the water system and investigation to determine the source of the bacteria in the drinking water system, and to identify the most effective corrective action. You will be contacted in the near future, if you have not already been contacted, to schedule the inspection and investigation. When it is complete, you must correct any sanitary defects identified during the investigation process and collect water samples to demonstrate bacteria are no longer present in the drinking water.

- 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 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 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,



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