

February 23, 2010

Don Kilkenny
Atchison RWD 1
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Re: Coliform Monitoring Violations in 2009
Under the Total Coliform Rule (TCR)

Dear Don,

KDHE has requested that KRWA staff contact several water systems across the state that are not routinely submitting all bacteriological water samples each month in a timely manner. Atchison RWD 1 was one of the systems cited by KDHE. I have tried to contact you several times over the past months both by phone and at your shop, but have not been successful in catching you. Therefore, I am writing to summarize those monitoring violations that the district experienced during 2009 under the Total Coliform Rule (TCR). **Basically, the district is submitting all bottles each month, just not during the correct months.** The purpose of this letter is to hopefully solve this problem to prevent future violations.

During 2009, the district had monitoring violations in May, June and November. KDHE requires the district to submit two samples each month to the KDHE lab for analysis. Otherwise, a monitoring violation automatically occurs. The district is then required to issue public notices to all customers with 12 months of the violation and provide KDHE with proof that such notices were delivered. The district is also required to include copies of each notice in your yearly Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), which must be sent out by July 1, 2010.

It appears this problem can be easily solved. In May, no samples were submitted, but four samples were submitted in April. In June, only one bottle was submitted, but three were submitted in July. In November, only one bottle was submitted, but three were submitted in December. **In all three cases, bottles were collected and mail either too early or too late.** For example, had two of the four bottles submitted in April been held and submitted in May, no monitoring violation would have occurred. **Consequently, it is imperative that you check the "Collection Date" printed on the outside of the shipping container for each sample and collect accordingly.** Otherwise, monitoring violations and the associated paperwork will continue to occur. I suggest developing a tracking system to make sure all samples are sent during the correct month. Using a calendar to track when samples are submitted should help.

I have also included a copy of KDHE February 5, 2010 letter to the district concerning the three public notices that must be delivered to all customers. Please read this letter closely and provide KDHE with the required documentation. The district is required to provide KDHE with copies of the actual notices sent to your customers (May, June and November 2009) and the Certificates of Delivery as well. The Certificates of Delivery indicate when and how the notices were delivered to your customers. I have included a blank certificate for your use. All documentation should be sent to Jean Herrold, KDHE Bureau of Water, Public Water Supply Section, 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 420, Topeka, KS 66612.

Please call me at 913-850-8822 if the district has any questions concerning this letter or the enclosures. I can also be reached via email at jeff@krwa.net.

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Sincerely,

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Re: Total Coliform Monitoring/Maximum Contaminant Notices
PWS IDs: State Lab B0013, EPA KS2000503

Copies have not been received of the public notices required to have been issued following the monitoring violations which occurred in May, June and November 2009. Monitoring violation notices are required to have been issued to all consumers within 12 months of the monitoring period the violation occurred. Proofs of public notification are required to be sent to the State within 10 days of completion. Proof of public notification for a violation of the Total Coliform Rule is required to include both a copy of the actual notice distributed to customers and a Certificate of Delivery showing when and how the notices were delivered. Systems such as yours which are required to do an annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) are also to include with it a copy of each of the notices required during the preceding year. Copies of all three of the notices should be attached to the next annual report (covering 2009) given to consumers.

Please send copies of the public notices you issued for the above violation(s) to me at: KDHE Bureau of Water, Public Water Supply Section, 1000 SW Jackson St, Suite 420, Topeka KS 66612-1367.

To avoid future monitoring violations, please pay close attention to when samples are to be collected and call the laboratory Call Center at (785) 296-1620 if you do not receive your routine monthly sample bottles, or expected repeat or replacement bottles after a positive or rejected sample, or if you do not receive a report of your sample results within two weeks of collection. If there are any questions regarding this letter or public notification, please call me at (785) 296-5518.

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