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Dear Tom,

I enjoyed visiting with you briefly last Thursday. As promised, I contacted KDHE about several issues regarding operation of the city's water supply. These include the city's recent bacteriological sampling record, uranium monitoring and reinstating your operator certification. The purpose of this letter is to summarize my findings.

I spoke to Teresa Schuyler regarding your certification; you already have sufficient hours of approved training to renew your certification. You do not need to complete any on-line courses. You simply need to send the \$35 fee to KDHE. The check should be made payable to KDHE and sent to Teresa at KDHE, Bureau of Water, 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 420, Topeka, KS 66612-1367. I would suggest sending the fee as soon as possible to ensure you do not lose your certification.

The city's bacteriological sampling record has improved since my visit in December. Again, KDHE staff confirmed this. The city's last coliform-positive sample was in December 2009 which required collecting three repeat samples in addition to samples from each of your wells under the Groundwater Rule. All of those samples eventually came back satisfactory. Because of the positive sample in December, the city was required to submit a total of five samples in January, but only submitted four. Consequently, a monitoring violation occurred. However since January, all bacteriological water samples have been submitted in a timely manner and have been free of coliform bacteria. I encourage you to continue submitting both samples each month so that resampling is not necessary. This would also eliminate the need to notify your customers about a monitoring violation.

Finally, the city is on quarterly monitoring for uranium. Timken is required to submit a sample each quarter from each of the wells. Samples were collected in January 2010 which satisfied the requirements for first quarter monitoring. However, KDHE shipped two more bottles in April and they have not yet been received. If you have these bottles, the samples must be collected before the end of the second quarter (June 30). Otherwise, a monitoring violation will occur. If you never received the bottles, I suggest contacting Derrick Dawson in the KDHE Laboratory at 785-296-2694 to request bottles.

If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me at 913-850-8822 or by email at jeff@krwa.net. Funding for the above assistance was provided through a contractual arrangement between the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (State Revolving Loan Program set-aside) and the Kansas Rural Water Association (KRWA). Please visit the KRWA website at www.krwa.net for news and information concerning water and wastewater utilities, training opportunities, and other KRWA programs.

Sincerely,

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