



GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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Honorable Bayne Stone, Mayor
City of Hazlehurst
P.O. Box 519
Hazlehurst, GA 31539

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RE: NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Radiological MCL Violation (Type – 02)
System Name: Hazlehurst
WSID: GA1610001 Entry Point: 303
Violation IDs: 2022-21556

Dear Mayor Stone:

This letter serves as a Notice of Violation of the Georgia Rules for Safe Drinking Water (Rules) for the Hazlehurst Water System located in Jeff Davis County, a Community Water System (CWS). During a review of sample analysis results, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GA EPD) has determined that the Water System has exceeded the maximum contaminant levels (MCL) for Gross Alpha at entry point 303. The maximum contaminant level for Gross Alpha is 15 picocuries per liter (pCi/L), which is based on a Running Annual Average (RAA) of the sample results over 4 quarters.

The Hazlehurst Water System exceeded the MCL for Gross Alpha during the first quarter of 2022 (01/01/2022 to 03/31/2022) with a RAA of 16 pCi/L. **The Division alleges that this is a violation of Rule 391-3-5-.18(5) of the Rules and of Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations §141.66(b).**

The referenced violations require Tier 2 public notice (notice) to be issued in accordance with 40 CFR §141.203(b) and (c) as follows:

1. **No later than thirty (30) days from the date of receiving this letter**, provide notice to each affected customer by mail (as a separate notice or included with the bill) or other direct delivery method. You must issue a repeat notice every three months for as long as the violation persists.

AND

2. **No later than thirty (30) days from the date of receiving this letter**, provide notice to your customers by any other method reasonably calculated to reach other persons regularly served by the system who may not otherwise receive the notice by mail or direct delivery. Other methods may include: publication in a local newspaper; delivery of multiple copies for distribution by customers that provide drinking water to others (apartment building owners or large private employers), posting in public places or on the Internet; or delivery to community organizations.

Enclosed, you will find radiological public notice instructions and a MCL exceedance template for your use. Include in your notice the standard health effects language in italics. If you modify the notice, you may not alter this mandatory language. The notice must be factual, conspicuous and must NOT contain overly technical language or very small print that defeats the purpose of the notice. Each notice must contain the address and phone number of the water supplier to allow the consumer to obtain more information. A Word copy of the public notice can be found on the Environmental Protection Agency's website at:

<https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/public-notification-templates-community-and-non-transient-non-community-water-systems>

The owner and/or the operator of the Water System is legally responsible for ensuring that the public notice requirements are performed. Where the population percentages exceed 10 percent (10%) for non-English speaking persons, the owner must provide a translated copy of the notice. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in enforcement action by the Division as prescribed in the Safe Drinking Water Act.

In accordance with 40 CFR 141.31(d), **within ten (10) days** of completing the public notification requirements, please submit to GA EPD the enclosed Certification of Public Notice and a representative copy of each type of notice distributed, published, posted, and made available to the persons served by the systems and to the media. Issuing the public notice does not substitute or excuse you from future monitoring and reporting requirements.

Please complete and return the Certification of Public Notice and a copy of each type of notice distributed to your customers to the following address:

Environmental Protection Division
Drinking Water Compliance Unit
2 MLK, Jr. Drive, Suite 1152 East Floyd Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334
ATTN: Leslie Lundeen

If you need assistance or additional information, please contact Leslie Lundeen of our Drinking Water Compliance Program at 470-607-2453 or via e-mail leslie.lundeen@dnr.ga.gov. Your cooperation in complying with these requirements is requested.

Sincerely,



Manny Patel, Program Manager
Drinking Water Program

cc: Orson Hall, Operator
GA EPD COASTAL DISTRICT BRUNSWICK OFFICE
Drinking Water Compliance Program File