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December 6, 2006

RE: Ottawa County
Genoa, Village of
Community Purchased Surface Water System
PWSID#: 6201003

Kevin Gladden, Public Works Director
Village of Genoa
102 East Sixth Street
Genoa, Ohio 43412

Dear Mr. Gladden:

Hand Delivery

The Village of Genoa public water system (PWS) has violated Ohio's safe drinking water laws. Specifically, Genoa PWS has exceeded the maximum contaminant levels (MCL) for disinfection byproducts (DBPs): Total trihalomethanes (TTHMs). Additionally, Genoa PWS has failed to sample for DBPs for the 2003 July – September monitoring period, failed to provide public notice to its customers for the same period, exceeded the MCL for total coliforms, failed to collect four repeat samples within the required time period after exceeding the MCL for total coliforms, and failed to report accurately water quality information in their Consumer Confidence Reports as required by the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC).

Owners or operators of public water systems that fail to comply with Ohio's safe drinking water laws and regulations are subject to civil penalties of up to \$25,000 per day per violation under Ohio Revised Code Section 6109.33.

To resolve your drinking water violations and avoid possible legal action and civil penalties:

1. By April 30, 2007, prepare and submit a Distribution System Optimization Plan (DSOP), in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-81-78(G)(2) to: Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA), Northwest District Office (NWDO), Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, Attn: Ben Smith, Ohio EPA, Northwest District Office, 347 North Dunbridge Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402.
2. Within thirty (30) days of notification, address any comments or deficiencies noted by Ohio EPA on the DSOP submitted by Genoa.
3. Within thirty (30) days of approval, begin implementing the approved DSOP.
4. Continue to monitor for TTHM and haloacetic acids five (HAA5) with one sample per calendar quarter from the distribution system at a location representing the maximum residence time, in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-81-24(D).

Bob Taft, Governor
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5. Within twelve (12) months from the date of implementation of the DSOP obtain compliance for TTHM MCLs.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Baker, Chief
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

If it is your intent to comply with the safe drinking water laws and regulations in the manner specified, please sign this document and return it to the attention of Marco Deshaies at Ohio EPA, DDAGW, Lazarus Government Center, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, within fourteen (14) days. Your signature is not considered an admission of guilt, only an indication of your intention to address the violations noted. Ohio EPA reserves its right to seek civil penalties pursuant to Revised Code 6109.33 for the violations described in this letter. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please call Marco Deshaies at (614) 644-2761.



Kevin Gladden, Public Works Director
Village of Genoa, Public Water System

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Date