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California Department of Public Health



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November 21, 2013

Mr. Cliff Hudson  
Board President  
Skylonda Mutual Water Company  
127 Blakewood Way  
Woodside, CA 94062

Dear Mr. Hudson:

**CITATION NO. : 02-17-13C-022**  
**BARIUM MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL VIOLATION**  
**SKYLONDA MUTUAL WATER COMPANY, SYSTEM NO. 4100533**

Enclosed is a citation issued to Skylonda Mutual Water Company. The citation is issued because the water system failed to comply with the Domestic Water Supply Permit issued to Skylonda Mutual Water Company by the Department on December 3, 2012. Specifically, the water delivered into the distribution system from the water treatment plant exceeded the barium maximum contaminant level in September and October 2013.

The attached citation consists of three sections: Violation, Directives, and Civil Penalty. The Violation section describes the events leading up to the issuance of the citation. The Directives section specifies what the water system needs to do to return to compliance. The Civil Penalty section describes fees to be assessed for failure to comply with the citation. No civil penalty is levied with the current citation.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Karen Nishimoto at (510) 620-3461.

Sincerely,

Eric Lacy, P.E.  
District Engineer  
Santa Clara District  
Drinking Water Field Operations Branch

Skylonda Mutual Water Company

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Attachment: Proof of Notification Form

cc: San Mateo County Environmental Health Department (w/o attach.)

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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

Issued November 21, 2013

RE: Water System No. 4100533  
Skylonda Mutual Water Company  
127 Blakewood Way  
Woodside, CA 94062

TO: Mr. Cliff Hudson  
Skylonda Mutual Water Company

**CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE**

**Maximum Contaminant Level – Barium**

**September 2013 and October 2013**

Section 116650, Chapter 4 of Part 12 of Division 104 of the California Health and Safety Code (CHSC), authorizes the issuance of a citation for failure to comply with a requirement of Chapter 4 (California Safe Drinking Water Act), or any regulation, permit, standard, or order issued thereunder.

**Violation**

The Drinking Water Field Operations Branch of the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "Department") hereby issues a citation to Skylonda Mutual Water Company (hereinafter "Water System")(mailing address: 127 Blakewood Way, Woodside, CA 94062) for the following violation:

Pursuant to Provision 26 of the December 3, 2012 Domestic Water Supply Permit issued by the Department to the Water System, the Water System is required to perform monthly barium monitoring at the surface water treatment plant effluent to ensure effective treatment, resulting in delivery of water meeting all drinking water



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standards. A barium maximum contaminant level exceedance at the water treatment plant effluent requires the Water System to take immediate action to investigate and correct the maximum contaminant level exceedance. The September 23, 2013 and October 14, 2013 monthly barium monitoring results for the surface water treatment plant effluent were 1.3 mg/L and 1.2 mg/L, respectively, which exceeded the maximum contaminant level of 1 mg/L pursuant to Section 64431, Chapter 15, Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR). This resulted in a violation of Provision 26 of the December 3, 2012 Domestic Water Supply Permit.

In accordance with Section 116650(e), CHSC, this violation is classified as a non-continuing violation.

**Directives**

The Water System is hereby directed to take the following actions:

1. Cease and desist violating the requirements of Provision 26 of the Domestic Water Supply Permit issued December 3, 2012. Specifically, the Water System must cease and desist violating the barium maximum contaminant level at the surface water treatment plant effluent.
2. Conduct public notification for the barium maximum contaminant level violation within one month in conformance with Section 64463.4(c), Chapter 15, Title 22, CCR. The notification shall be completed in accordance with the following:

Mail or direct delivery to each customer receiving a bill including those that provide their drinking water to others (e.g. schools or school systems, apartment building owners, or large private employers), and other service connections to which water is



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delivered by the system AND publication in a local newspaper, posting in conspicuous public places served by the water system or on the internet, or delivery to community organizations to reach persons not likely to be reached by mailing or direct delivery (renters, community center users, etc.). As long as the violation continues, notices mailed and otherwise issued must be repeated quarterly and notices posted must be maintained.

Proof of notification must be provided to the Department. This can be met by submitting a completed Proof of Notification form (Attachment enclosed) and a copy of the notice issued within 14 days of completing the notification.

3. Prepare a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) that describes the specific actions that will be taken to ensure that future barium maximum contaminant level violations will not occur. The Water System has already made progress on the CAP by submitting a draft Request for Proposal (RFP) to plan for the mitigation of barium in the drinking water. The Water System shall prepare a CAP that includes specific actions including preventive measures and milestones on the pathway to return to compliance. Submit the report to the Department by December 31, 2013.

All submittals to the Department are to be addressed to

Mr. Eric Lacy, P.E.  
Santa Clara District Engineer  
Department of Public Health  
Drinking Water Field Operations Branch  
850 Marina Bay Parkway  
Building P, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Richmond, CA 95804-6403



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**PROOF OF NOTIFICATION**

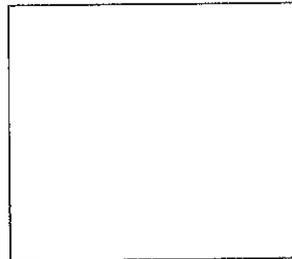
Water System Name: Skylonda Mutual Water Company  
Water System Number: 4100533

As required by Section 116450 of the California Health and Safety Code, I notified the users of the water supplied by Skylonda Mutual Water Company of the barium maximum contaminant level violation. I complied with the directives of the California Department of Public Health as indicated below:

Required Action

Date Completed

Public Notification by mail or direct delivery AND publication in a local newspaper, posting in public or internet, or delivery to community organizations.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Water System Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT.  
A COPY OF THE PUBLISHED NOTICE, DELIVERED NOTICE, AND POSTED NOTICE  
MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS FORM**

**Disclosure:** Be advised that Section 116725 and 116730 of the California Health and Safety Code states that any person who knowingly makes any false statement on any report or document submitted for the purpose of compliance with the attached citation may be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each separate violation for each day that violation continues. In addition, the violators may be prosecuted in criminal court and upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000 for each day of violation, or be imprisoned in county jail not to exceed one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.