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Division of Drinking Water

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Meridian Elementary School
15898 Central Street
Meridian, CA 95692

Attention: Javier Lopez

Subject: Public Water System No. 5100141 – Citation No. 21-15C-003 for Lead and Copper Rule monitoring violation.

It has come to our attention that the Meridian Elementary School water system failed to monitor and report lead and copper samples in the year 2014, according to the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR). Consequently, the Division of Drinking Water has issued the enclosed Citation for Noncompliance (Citation) to the water system. The enclosed Citation includes directives for corrective action and public notification.

Section 116577 of the California Safe Drinking Water Act provides for the division to be reimbursed by the public water system for costs incurred for preparing and issuing a citation. The billing rate is approximately \$128 per hour. At this time, we have spent approximately one hour preparing this violation. You will receive a bill for these costs, typically by September 1st, from the Sacramento office.

If you have any questions please call Paul Rowe at (530) 224-4866 or contact me directly at (530) 224-4861.

Reese B. Crenshaw, P.E.
Valley District Engineer
DRINKING WATER FIELD
OPERATIONS BRANCH

Enclosures

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Water System: Meridian Elementary School
Water System No.: 5100141

To: Meridian Elementary School
Attn: Javier Lopez
15898 Central Street
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Issued: January 22, 2015
VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE
With Title 22 California Code of Regulations
Sections 64675

Section 116650 of the California Health and Safety Code (CHSC) authorizes the issuance of a citation for failure to comply with a requirement of the California Safe Drinking Water Act (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit, or order issued thereunder.

1 The State Water Resources Control Board (hereinafter "Board"), acting by and
2 through its Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter "Division") and the Deputy Director
3 for the Division, hereby issues a citation to Meridian Elementary School for failure to
4 comply with Section 64675.5, Title 22, of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

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7 **APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES**

8 Section 116650 of the CHSC states:

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10 *(a) If the department determines that a public water system is in violation*
11 *of this chapter or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order*
12 *issued or adopted thereunder, the department may issue a citation to*
13 *the public water system. The citation shall be served upon the public*
14 *water system personally or by certified mail. Service shall be deemed*
15 *effective as of the date of personal service or the date of receipt of*
16 *the certified mail. If a person to whom a citation is directed refuses to*
17 *accept delivery of the certified mail, the date of service shall be*
18 *deemed to be the date of mailing.*

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20 *(b) Each citation shall be in writing and shall describe the nature of the*
21 *violation or violations, including a reference to the statutory provision,*
22 *standard, order, citation, permit, or regulation alleged to have been*
23 *violated.*

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25 *(c) A citation may specify a date for elimination or correction of the*
26 *condition constituting the violation.*

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(d) A citation may include the assessment of a penalty as specified in subdivision (e).

(e) The department may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation occurred, and for each day that a violation continues to occur. A separate penalty may be assessed for each violation.

Section 64675.5, Title 22, of the CCR states in relevant part:

(a) A system shall conduct standard tap sampling for two consecutive periods; thereafter, tap sampling frequency may be reduced pursuant to section 64675 (General Requirements for Tap Sampling for Lead and Copper) as follows:

(1) If a system has 90th percentile levels that do not exceed 0.005 mg/L for lead and 0.65 mg/L for copper for two consecutive periods, it may reduce the sampling to once every three years at the reduced number of sites.

1 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

2 The Meridian Elementary School (hereinafter "Water System") is classified as a non-
3 transient non-community water system serving approximately 100 people. Because
4 the Water System meets reduced lead and copper sampling frequency, it is required
5 to collect five (5) lead and copper samples every three years according to Table
6 64675-A and section 64675.5 of Title 22. The Water System failed to collect lead and
7 copper samples at the end of the triennial period in 2014. The last samples submitted
8 to the Department were taken in September of 2011.

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11 **DETERMINATIONS**

12 The Department has determined that the Water System violated Section
13 64675.5(a)(1), Title 22, of the CCR, in that the Water System failed to collect triennial
14 samples in 2014.

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17 **DIRECTIVES**

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

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20 1. Comply with Section 64675.5, Title 22, of the CCR in all future monitoring
21 periods.

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23 2. **Conduct lead and copper monitoring from customer's taps in June, July,**
24 **August, or September of 2015, and then again in June, July, August, or**
25 **September of 2017. Thereafter, sampling may resume to triennial.**

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27 Samples shall be collected in accordance with the Lead and Copper Rule
 sampling per Title 22, Section 64677. The analytical results must be reported

1 to the Division by the 10th day of the month following the month in which the
2 analyses were completed.
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5 3. The District shall provide public notification (by inclusion in the **2014**
6 **Consumer Confidence Report**) of the failure to sample lead and copper, as
7 required by the Lead and Copper regulations.
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9 All documents required by this Citation to be submitted to the Department shall be
10 submitted to the following address:
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12 Reese B. Crenshaw, P. E.
13 Valley District Engineer
14 Drinking Water Field Operations
15 Division of Drinking Water
16 State Water Resources Control Board
17 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 101
18 Redding, CA 96002
19 (530) 224-4800
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21 Nothing in this Citation relieves the Water System of its obligation to meet the
22 requirements of Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4 (California
23 Safe Drinking Water Act), or any regulation, permit, standard or order issued or
24 adopted thereunder.
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1 The Division reserves the right to make such modifications to this Citation, as it may
2 deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications may be
3 issued as amendments to this Citation and shall be effective upon issuance.

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6 **FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

7 The California SDWA authorizes the Board to: issue citation with assessment of
8 administrative penalties to a public water system for violation or continued violation of
9 the requirements of the California SDWA or any permit, regulation, permit or order
10 issued or adopted thereunder including, but not limited to, failure to correct a violation
11 identified in a citation or compliance order. The California SDWA also authorizes the
12 Board to take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been issued to a public
13 water system if the system has violated applicable law or regulations or has failed to
14 comply with an order of the Board; and to petition the superior court to take various
15 enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to comply with
16 violates an order of the Board. The Board does not waive any further enforcement
17 action by issuance of this citation.

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20 **PARTIES BOUND**

21 This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon the System, its officers, directors,
22 agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.

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SEVERABILITY

The directives of this Citation are severable, and Meridian Elementary School shall comply with each and every provision thereof notwithstanding the effectiveness of any other provision.

R. Crenshaw

Reese B. Crenshaw, P.E., District Engineer
Valley District
Drinking Water Field Operations Branch

1/21/15
Date

