

State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Drinking Water

May 2, 2016
System No.: 5402047

Mr. Fritz Meier
Gleanings for the Hungry
P.O. Box 309
Sultana, CA 93666

RE: **Compliance Order No. 03-24-16R-009**
Violation of the Nitrate & Perchlorate Maximum Contaminant Levels

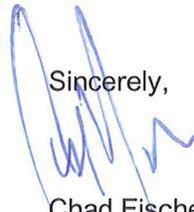
Dear Mr. Meier:

Enclosed is a Compliance Order issued to the Gleanings for the Hungry (Water System) public water system.

As directed in the enclosed Compliance Order, please provide recognition of receipt of this Compliance Order and the Water System's intent to comply with the Order to the Division of Drinking Water, Tulare District office by **June 10, 2016**.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the enclosed Compliance Order, please contact the Tulare District office at (559) 447-3300.

Sincerely,



Chad Fischer, P.E.
Senior Sanitary Engineer, Tulare District
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH
DRINKING WATER FIELD OPERATIONS

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Enclosures

cc: Tulare County Environmental Health Division
Mr. Pierce May, Dellavalle Labs (1910 W. McKinley Ave. #110, Fresno, CA 93728)

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7 TO: Gleanings for the Hungry
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11 COMPLIANCE ORDER NO. 03-24-16R-009
12 FOR
13 VIOLATION OF HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 1166555 (a)(1)
14 AND THE PRIMARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD FOR NITRATE &
15 PERCHLORATE

16 Dated May 2, 2016

17 The State Water Resources Control Board (hereinafter "Board"), acting by and
18 through its Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter "Division") and the Deputy Director
19 for the Division (hereinafter "Deputy Director"), hereby issues this compliance order
20 (hereinafter "Order") pursuant to Section 116655 of the California Health and Safety
21 Code (hereinafter "CHSC") to Gleanings for the Hungry for violation of CHSC section
22 116555(a)(1) and Title 22, California Code of Regulations (hereinafter "CCR"),
23 Section 64431.
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APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES

CHSC, Section 116555(a)(1) states in relevant part:

- (a) Any person who owns a public water system shall ensure that the system does all of the following:
 - (1) Complies with primary and secondary drinking water standards.

CHSC, Section 116655 states in relevant part:

- (a) Whenever the State Board determines that any person has violated or is violating this chapter, or any permit, regulation, or standard issued or adopted pursuant to this chapter, the director may issue an order doing any of the following:
 - (1) Directing compliance forthwith.
 - (2) Directing compliance in accordance with a time schedule set by the State Board.
 - (3) Directing that appropriate preventive action be taken in the case of a threatened violation.
- (b) An order issued pursuant to this section may include, but shall not be limited to, any or all of the following requirements:
 - (1) That the existing plant, works, or system be repaired, altered, or added to.
 - (2) That purification or treatment works be installed.
 - (3) That the source of the water supply be changed.
 - (4) That no additional service connection be made to the system.
 - (5) That the water supply, the plant, or the system be monitored.
 - (6) That a report on the condition and operation of the plant, works, system, or water supply be submitted to the State Board.

Title 22, CCR, Section 64431 (hereinafter “Section 64431”), states in relevant part:

Public water systems shall comply with the primary MCLs in table 64431-A as specified in this article.

**Table 64431-A
Maximum Contaminant Levels
Inorganic Chemicals**

<i>Chemical</i>	<i>Maximum Contaminant Level, mg/L</i>
Aluminum	1.
Antimony	0.006
Nitrate	0.010
Asbestos	7 MFL*
Barium	1.
<i>Chemical</i>	<i>Maximum Contaminant Level, mg/L</i>
Beryllium	0.004
Cadmium	0.005
Chromium	0.05
Cyanide	0.15
Fluoride	2.0
Hexavalent chromium	0.010
Mercury	0.002
Nickel	0.1
Nitrate (as NO ₃)	45.
Nitrate+Nitrite (sum as	10.
Nitrite (as nitrogen)	1.
Perchlorate	0.006
Selenium	0.05
Thallium	0.002

* MFL=million fibers per liter; MCL for fibers exceeding 10 um in length.

Section 64432.1

(a) To determine compliance with the MCL for nitrate in Table 64431-A, all public water systems using groundwater and transient-noncommunity systems using approved surface water shall monitor annually, and all community and nontransient-noncommunity systems using approved surface water shall monitor quarterly.

(1) The water supplier shall require the laboratory to notify the supplier within 24 hours whenever the level of nitrate in a single sample exceeds the MCL, and shall ensure that a contact person is available to receive such analytical results 24-hours a day. The water supplier shall also require the laboratory to immediately notify the State Board of any acute nitrate MCL exceedance if the laboratory cannot make direct contact with the designated contact person within 24 hours. Within 24 hours of notification, the water supplier shall:

- (A) Collect another sample, and
- (B) Analyze the new sample; if the average of the two nitrate sample results exceeds the MCL, report the result to the State Board within 24 hours. If

1 the average does not exceed the MCL, inform the State Board of the
2 results within seven days from the receipt of the original analysis.

3 (C) If a system is unable to resample within 24 hours, it shall notify the
4 consumers by issuing a Tier 1 Public Notice pursuant to section 64463.1
5 and shall collect and analyze a confirmation sample within two weeks of
6 notification of the results of the first sample.

7 (2) For public water systems using groundwater, the repeat monitoring
8 frequency shall be quarterly for at least one year following any one sample
9 in which the concentration is greater than or equal to 50 percent of the MCL.
10 After four consecutive quarterly samples are less than the MCL, a system
11 may request that the State Board reduce monitoring frequency to annual
12 sampling.

13 **Section 64432.3**

14 (a) For initial monitoring for the perchlorate MCL, each community and
15 nontransient-noncommunity water system shall collect two samples at each
16 source in a year, five to seven months apart. At least one of the samples shall
17 be collected during the period from May 1 through September 30 (vulnerable
18 time), unless the State Board specifies a different vulnerable time for the water
19 system due to seasonal conditions related to use, manufacture and/or weather.

20 (b) Data collected since January 3, 2001, that is in conformance with subsection
21 (a) may be used to comply with the initial monitoring requirement.

22 (c) After meeting the initial monitoring requirements in subsection (a) and if no
23 perchlorate is detected, during each compliance period each water system:

24 (1) Using groundwater, shall monitor once during the year designated by the
25 State Board;

26 (2) Using approved surface water, shall monitor annually; and

27 (3) Monitoring at distribution entry points that have combined surface and
groundwater sources, shall monitor annually; if perchlorate is detected in the
water from the combined sources, the water system shall sample each
source individually to determine which is contaminated.

(d) The water supplier shall require the laboratory to notify the supplier within 48
hours of the result whenever the level of perchlorate in a single sample
exceeds the MCL, and shall ensure that a contact person is available to receive
such analytical results 24-hours a day. The water supplier shall also require
the laboratory to immediately notify the State Board of any perchlorate MCL
exceedance if the laboratory cannot make direct contact with the designated
contact person within 48 hours. Within 48 hours of notification of the result, the
water supplier shall:

(1) Collect and analyze a confirmation sample, and

(2) If the average of the two perchlorate sample results exceeds the MCL,
report the result to the State Board within 48 hours. If the average does not
exceed the MCL, inform the State Board of the results within seven days
from the receipt of the original analytical result.

(3) If a system is unable to resample within 48 hours, it shall issue a Tier 1
notice to the consumers in accordance with sections 64463 and 64463.1



1 and shall collect and analyze a confirmation sample within two weeks of
 2 notification of the results of the first sample.
 3 (e) A water system shall monitor quarterly any source in which perchlorate has
 4 been detected. After four consecutive quarterly samples indicate that
 5 perchlorate is not present at or above the DLR, a system may request that the
 6 State Board reduce monitoring to the frequencies specified in paragraphs (c)(1)
 7 through (3).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

8 Division is informed by the Water System and believes that the Gleanings for the
 9 Hungry water system (hereinafter “Water System”) is a community water system
 10 located in Tulare County that supplies water for domestic purposes to approximately
 11 160 individuals through approximately 12 service connections. The Water System
 12 operates under Domestic Water Supply Permit No. 03-24-16P-005 issued by the
 13 Division on March 1, 2016. The Water System is a community public water system
 14 as defined in CHSC, section 116275.

15 The Water System utilizes two groundwater wells (Well Nos. 02 & 03) as its sources
 16 of domestic water. Title 22, CCR, Division 4, Chapter 15, Article 4, establishes
 17 primary drinking water standards and monitoring and reporting requirements for
 18 inorganic constituents. Community and nontransient noncommunity water systems
 19 must comply with the maximum contaminant level for nitrate (as N) of 10 mg/L and
 20 for perchlorate of 0.006 mg/L, as established in Title 22 CCR Section 64431.

21 A sample collected from the Water System on February 23, 2016, showed a nitrate
 22 concentration of 38 mg/L (as N) and a perchlorate concentration of 0.012 mg/L in
 23 Well 03. Sample results from February 2016 to present are provided in Table 1
 24 below:
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Table 1: Well 03 Monitoring Results

Sample Date	Nitrate result in mg/L (Well 03)	Perchlorate result in mg/L (Well 03)
2/23/16	38	0.012

Specifically, the Water System exceeded the nitrate MCL (10 mg/L) and the perchlorate MCL (0.006 mg/L) by delivering water to the distribution system that was over the nitrate and perchlorate MCLs.

By regulation, public notification is required on a quarterly basis as long as the well is being used. The Water System must also provide the Division with proof of public notification.

DETERMINATIONS

Based on the above Statement of Facts, the Division has determined that the Water System has violated CHSC, Section 116555 and Section 64431 in that the water produced by Well 03, exceeded the nitrate and perchlorate MCLs as shown in Table 1 above, and further has determined that said violation has continued from February 2016 and through the date of this Order.

DIRECTIVES

Water System is hereby directed to take the following actions:

1. On or before **June 10, 2019**, comply with Title 22, CCR, Section 64431 and remain in compliance.



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2. On or before **June 10, 2016**, submit a written response to the State Board indicating its agreement to comply with the directives of this Order and with the Corrective Action Plan addressed herein.
3. Commencing on the date of service of this Order, provide quarterly public notification in accordance with Attachment B, hereto, of Water System's failure to meet the nitrate and perchlorate MCLs during any calendar quarter that the sample results exceed the MCLs.
4. Commencing on the date of service of this Order, submit proof of each public notification conducted in compliance with Directive No. 3, herein above, within 10 days following each such notification, using the form provided as Attachment C, hereto.
5. Commencing on the date of service of this Order collect quarterly samples for nitrate and perchlorate from Well 03, as required by Section 64432(g), and ensure that the analytical results are reported to the Division electronically by the analyzing laboratory no later than the 10th day following the month in which the analysis was completed.
6. Prepare for Division approval a Corrective Action Plan identifying improvements to the water system designed to correct the water quality problem (violation of the nitrate and perchlorate MCLs) and ensure that the Water System delivers water to consumers that meets primary drinking water standards. The plan shall include a time schedule for completion of each of the phases of the project such as design, construction, and startup, and a date as of which the Water

1 System will be in compliance with the nitrate and perchlorate MCLs, which date
2 shall be no later than June 10, 2019.
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- 5 7. On or before **July 10, 2016**, present the Corrective Action Plan required under
6 Directive No. 6, above, to the Division in person at the Division's offices located
7 at 265 W. Bullard Avenue, Suite 101, Fresno, CA 93704.
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- 9 8. Timely perform the Division approved Corrective Action Plan and each and
10 every element of said plan according to the time schedule set forth therein.
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- 12 9. On or before **July 10, 2016**, and every three months thereafter, submit a report
13 to the State Board in the form provided as Attachment D, hereto, showing
14 actions taken during the previous calendar three months to comply with the
15 Corrective Action Plan.
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- 17 10. Not later than ten (10) days following the date of compliance with the nitrate
18 and perchlorate MCLs, demonstrate to the Division that the water delivered by
19 Water System complies with the nitrate and perchlorate MCLs.
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- 21 11. Notify the Division in writing no later than five (5) days prior to the deadline for
22 performance of any Directive set forth herein if Water System anticipates it will
23 not timely meet such performance deadline.
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All submittals required by this Order shall be addressed to:

Chad Fischer, P.E., Senior Sanitary Engineer
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Drinking Water, Tulare District
265 W. Bullard Avenue, Suite 101
Fresno, CA 93704

As used in this Order, the date of issuance shall be the date of this Order; and the date of service shall be the date of service of this Order, personal or by certified mail, on the Water System.

The Division reserves the right to make such modifications to this Order and/or to issue such further order(s) as it may deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications may be issued as amendments to this Order and shall be deemed effective upon issuance.

Nothing in this Order relieves Water System of its obligation to meet the requirements of the California SDWA, or any regulation, standard, permit or order issued thereunder.

PARTIES BOUND

This Order shall apply to and be binding upon Water System, its owners, shareholders, officers, directors, agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.

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SEVERABILITY

The Directives of this Order are severable, and Water System shall comply with each and every provision hereof, notwithstanding the effectiveness of any other provision.

FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION

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



Carl Carlucci, P.E., Chief
Central California Section
State Water Resources Control Board
State Board of Drinking Water

5-2-2016

Date



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Attachments:
Attachment A: Applicable Authorities

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Attachment B: Public Notification Form
Attachment C: Proof of Notification Form
Attachment D: Quarterly Progress Report Form

cc: County of Tulare, Division of Environmental Health (w/o attachments)
Mr. Pierce May, Dellavalle Labs (1910 W. McKinley Ave. #110, Fresno, CA
93728)

Applicable Authorities
Violation of Maximum Contaminant Levels for
Nitrate and Perchlorate

California Health and Safety Code, Section 116655, states in relevant part:

- (a) Whenever the department determines that any person has violated or is violating this chapter, or any permit, regulation, or standard issued or adopted pursuant to this chapter, the director may issue an order doing any of the following:
- (1) Directing compliance forthwith.
 - (2) Directing compliance in accordance with a time schedule set by the department.
 - (3) Directing that appropriate preventive action be taken in the case of a threatened violation.
- (b) An order issued pursuant to this section may include, but shall not be limited to, any or all of the following requirements:
- (1) That the existing plant, works, or system be repaired, altered, or added to.
 - (2) That purification or treatment works be installed.
 - (3) That the source of the water supply be changed.
 - (4) That no additional service connection be made to the system.
 - (5) That the water supply, the plant, or the system be monitored.
 - (6) That a report on the condition and operation of the plant, works, system, or water supply be submitted to the department.

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, states in relevant part:

§64431. Maximum Contaminant Levels--Inorganic Chemicals.

Public water systems shall comply with the primary MCLs in table 64431-A as specified in this article.

Table 64431-A
Maximum Contaminant Levels
Inorganic Chemicals

<i>Chemical</i>	<i>Maximum Contaminant Level, mg/L</i>
Aluminum	1.
Antimony	0.006
Arsenic	0.010
Asbestos	7 MFL*
Barium	1.
Beryllium	0.004
Cadmium	0.005
Chromium	0.05
Cyanide	0.15
Fluoride	2.0
Hexavalent chromium	0.010
Mercury	0.002
Nickel	0.1
Nitrate (as NO ₃)	45.

Nitrate+Nitrite (sum as nitrogen)	10.
Nitrite (as nitrogen)	1.
Perchlorate	0.006
Selenium	0.05
Thallium	0.002

* MFL=million fibers per liter; MCL for fibers exceeding 10 um in length.

§64432. Monitoring and Compliance--Inorganic Chemicals.

(a) All public water systems shall monitor to determine compliance with the nitrate and nitrite MCLs in table 64431-A, pursuant to subsections (d) through (f) and Section 64432.1. All community and nontransient-noncommunity water systems shall monitor to determine compliance with the perchlorate MCL, pursuant to subsections (d), (e), (l), and section 64432.3. All community and nontransient-noncommunity water systems shall also monitor to determine compliance with the other MCLs in table 64431-A, pursuant to subsections (b) through (n) and, for asbestos, section 64432.2. Monitoring shall be conducted in the year designated by the Department of each compliance period beginning with the compliance period starting January 1, 1993.

(b) Unless directed otherwise by the Department, each community and nontransient-noncommunity water system shall initiate monitoring for an inorganic chemical within six months following the effective date of the regulation establishing the MCL for the chemical and the addition of the chemical to table 64431-A.

(1) If otherwise performed in accordance with this section, groundwater monitoring for an inorganic chemical performed no more than two years prior to the effective date of the regulation establishing the MCL may be used to satisfy the requirement for initiating monitoring within six months following such effective date.

(2) For routine monitoring required in subsection (c), chromium monitoring may be used in lieu of hexavalent chromium monitoring if the chromium results are less than the chromium DLR set forth in table 64432-A.

(c) Unless more frequent monitoring is required pursuant to this Chapter, the frequency of monitoring for the inorganic chemicals listed in table 64431-A, except for asbestos, nitrate/nitrite, and perchlorate, shall be as follows:

(1) Each compliance period, all community and nontransient-noncommunity systems using groundwater shall monitor once during the year designated by the Department. The Department will designate the year based on historical monitoring frequency and laboratory capacity. All community and nontransient-noncommunity systems using approved surface water shall monitor annually. All systems monitoring at distribution entry points which have combined surface and groundwater sources shall monitor annually.

(2) Quarterly samples shall be collected and analyzed for any chemical if analyses of such samples indicate a continuous or persistent trend toward higher levels of that chemical, based on an evaluation of previous data.

(d) For the purposes of sections 64432, 64432.1, 64432.2, and 64432.3, detection shall be defined by the detection limits for purposes of reporting (DLRs) in table 64432-A.

**Table 64432-A
Detection Limits for Purposes of Reporting (DLRs) for Regulated Inorganic Chemicals**

<i>Chemical</i>	<i>Detection Limit for Purposes of Reporting (DLR) (mg/L)</i>
Aluminum	0.05
Antimony	0.006
Arsenic	0.002
Asbestos	0.2 MFL>10um*
Barium	0.1
Beryllium	0.001
Cadmium	0.001
Chromium	0.01
Cyanide	0.1
Fluoride	0.1
Hexavalent chromium	0.001
Mercury	0.001
Nickel	0.01
Nitrate (as NO ₃)	2.
Nitrite (as nitrogen)	0.4
Perchlorate	0.004
Selenium	0.005
Thallium	0.001

* MFL=million fibers per liter; DLR for fibers exceeding 10 um in length.

(e) Samples shall be collected from each water source or a supplier may collect a minimum of one sample at every entry point to the distribution system which is representative of each source after treatment. The system shall collect each sample at the same sampling site, unless a change is approved by the Department.

(f) A water system may request approval from the Department to composite samples from up to five sampling sites, provided that the number of sites to be composited is less than the ratio of the MCL to the DLR. Approval will be based on a review of three years of historical data, well construction and aquifer information for groundwater, and intake location, similarity of sources, and watershed characteristics for surface water. Compositing shall be done in the laboratory.

(1) Systems serving more than 3,300 persons shall composite only from sampling sites within a single system. Systems serving 3,300 persons or less may composite among different systems up to the 5-sample limit.

(2) If any inorganic chemical is detected in the composite sample at a level equal to or greater than one fifth of the MCL, a follow-up sample shall be analyzed within 14 days from each sampling site included in the composite for the contaminants which exceeded the one-fifth-MCL level. If available, duplicates of the original sample taken from each sampling site used in the composite may be used instead of resampling; the analytical results shall be reported within 14 days. The water supplier may collect up to two additional samples each from one or more of the sources to confirm the result(s).

(3) Compliance for each site shall be determined on the basis of the individual follow-up samples, or on the average of the follow-up and confirmation sample(s) if the supplier collects confirmation sample(s) for each detection.

(g) If the level of any inorganic chemical, except for nitrate, nitrite, nitrate plus nitrite, or perchlorate, exceeds the MCL, the water supplier shall do one of the following:

- (1) Inform the Department within 48 hours and monitor quarterly beginning in the next quarter after the exceedance occurred; or
- (2) Inform the Department within seven days from the receipt of the analysis and, as confirmation, collect one additional sample within 14 days from receipt of the analysis. If the average of the two samples collected exceeds the MCL, this information shall be reported to the Department within 48 hours and the water supplier shall monitor quarterly beginning in the next quarter after the exceedance occurred.

(h) If the concentration of an inorganic chemical exceeds ten times the MCL, within 48 hours of receipt of the result the water supplier shall notify the Department and resample as confirmation. The water supplier shall notify the Department of the result(s) of the confirmation sample(s) within 24 hours of receipt of the confirmation result(s).

- (1) If the average concentration of the original and confirmation sample(s) is less than or equal to ten times the MCL, the water supplier shall monitor quarterly beginning in the quarter following the quarter in which the exceedance occurred.
- (2) If the average concentration of the original and confirmation sample(s) exceeds ten times the MCL, the water supplier shall, if directed by the Department;
 - (A) Immediately discontinue use of the contaminated water source; and
 - (B) Not return the source to service without written approval from the Department.

(i) Compliance with the MCLs shall be determined by a running annual average; if any one sample would cause the annual average to exceed the MCL, the system is immediately in violation. If a system takes more than one sample in a quarter, the average of all the results for that quarter shall be used when calculating the running annual average. If a system fails to complete four consecutive quarters of monitoring, the running annual average shall be based on an average of the available data.

(j) If a system using groundwater has collected a minimum of two quarterly samples or a system using approved surface water has collected a minimum of four quarterly samples and the sample results have been below the MCL, the system may apply to the Department for a reduction in monitoring frequency.

(k) Water quality data collected prior to January 1, 1990, and/or data collected in a manner inconsistent with this section shall not be used in the determination of compliance with the monitoring requirements for inorganic chemicals.

(l) Water quality data collected in compliance with the monitoring requirements of this section by a wholesaler providing water to a public water system shall be acceptable for use by that system for compliance with the monitoring requirements of this section.

(m) A water system may apply to the Department for a waiver from the monitoring frequencies specified in subsection (c)(1), if the system has conducted at least three rounds of monitoring (three periods for groundwater sources or three years for approved surface water sources) and all previous analytical results are less than the MCL. The water system shall specify the basis for its request. If granted a waiver, a system shall collect a minimum of one sample per source while the waiver is in effect and the term of the waiver shall not exceed one compliance cycle (i.e., nine years).

(n) A water system may be eligible for a waiver from the monitoring frequencies for cyanide specified in subsection (c)(1) without any prior monitoring if it is able to document that it is not vulnerable to cyanide contamination pursuant to the requirements in §64445(d)(1) or (d)(2).

(o) Transient-noncommunity water systems shall monitor for the inorganic chemicals in table 64431-A as follows:

- (1) All sources shall be monitored at least once for fluoride; and

(2) Surface water sources for parks and other facilities with an average daily population use of more than 1,000 people and/or which are determined to be subject to potential contamination based on a sanitary survey shall be monitored at the same frequency as community water systems.

§64463.4. Tier 2 Public Notice

(a) A water system shall give public notice pursuant to this section if any of the following occurs:

- (1) Any violation of the MCL, MRDL, and treatment technique requirements, except:
 - (A) Where a Tier 1 public notice is required under section 64463.1; or
 - (B) Where the Department determines that a Tier 1 public notice is required, based on potential health impacts and persistence of the violations;
- (2) All violations of the monitoring and testing procedure requirements in sections 64421 through 64426.1, article 3 (Primary Standards – Bacteriological Quality), for which the Department determines that a Tier 2 rather than a Tier 3 public notice is required, based on potential health impacts and persistence of the violations;
- (3) Other violations of the monitoring and testing procedure requirements in this chapter, and chapters 15.5, 17 and 17.5, for which the Department determines that a Tier 2 rather than a Tier 3 public notice is required, based on potential health impacts and persistence of the violations; or
- (4) Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of any variance or exemption in place.

(b) A water system shall give the notice as soon as possible within 30 days after it learns of a violation or occurrence specified in subsection (a), except that the water system may request an extension of up to 60 days for providing the notice. This extension would be subject to the Department's written approval based on the violation or occurrence having been resolved and the Department's determination that public health and welfare would in no way be adversely affected. In addition, the water system shall:

- (1) Maintain posted notices in place for as long as the violation or occurrence continues, but in no case less than seven days;
- (2) Repeat the notice every three months as long as the violation or occurrence continues. Subject to the Department's written approval based on its determination that public health would in no way be adversely affected, the water system may be allowed to notice less frequently but in no case less than once per year. No allowance for reduced frequency of notice shall be given in the case of a total coliform MCL violation or violation of a Chapter 17 treatment technique requirement; and
- (3) For turbidity violations pursuant to sections 64652.5(c)(2) and 64653(c), (d) and (f), as applicable, a water system shall consult with the Department as soon as possible within 24 hours after the water system learns of the violation to determine whether a Tier 1 public notice is required. If consultation does not take place within 24 hours, the water system shall give Tier 1 public notice within 48 hours after learning of the violation.

(c) A water system shall deliver the notice, in a manner designed to reach persons served, within the required time period as follows:

- (1) Unless otherwise directed by the Department in writing based on its assessment of the violation or occurrence and the potential for adverse effects on public health and welfare, community water systems shall give public notice by;

(A) 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 delivered by the water system; and

(B) Use of one or more of the following methods to reach persons not likely to be reached by a mailing or direct delivery (renters, university students, nursing home patients, prison inmates, etc.):

1. Publication in a local newspaper;
2. Posting in conspicuous public places served by the water system, or on the Internet; or
3. Delivery to community organizations.

(2) Unless otherwise directed by the Department in writing based on its assessment of the violation or occurrence and the potential for adverse effects on public health and welfare, noncommunity water systems shall give the public notice by:

(A) Posting in conspicuous locations throughout the area served by the water system; and

(B) Using one or more of the following methods to reach persons not likely to be reached by a public posting:

1. Publication in a local newspaper or newsletter distributed to customers;
2. E-mail message to employees or students;
3. Posting on the Internet or intranet; or
4. Direct delivery to each customer.

§64469 Reporting Requirements

(d) Within 10 days of giving initial or repeat public notice pursuant to Article 18 of this Chapter, except for notice given under 64463.7(d), each water system shall submit a certification to the Department that it has done so, along with a representative copy of each type of public notice given.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

DRINKING WATER WARNING

Gleanings for the Hungry water has high levels of perchlorate and nitrate above the drinking water standard

**DO NOT DRINK THE WATER
OR USE IT TO MAKE INFANT FORMULA**

Water sample results collected on _____ showed perchlorate levels of _____ mg/L. This is above the perchlorate standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), of 0.006 milligrams per liter (6 parts per billion). Perchlorate consumed in drinking water may interfere with iodide uptake in the body, leading to abnormal hormone levels in the body.

Water sample results collected on _____ showed nitrate levels of _____ mg/L. This is above the nitrate standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), of 45 milligrams per liter. Nitrate in drinking water is a serious health concern for infants less than six months old.

What should I do?**DO NOT DRINK THE WATER OR USE IT TO MAKE INFANT FORMULA.**

Perchlorate has been shown to interfere with uptake of iodide by the thyroid gland, and to thereby reduce the production of thyroid hormones, leading to adverse affects associated with inadequate hormone levels. Thyroid hormones are needed for normal prenatal growth and development of the fetus, as well as for normal growth and development in the infant and child. In adults, thyroid hormones are needed for normal metabolism and mental function. Women who smoke and have low iodine intake appear to be particularly susceptible.

Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL may quickly become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die because high nitrate levels can interfere with the capacity of the infant's blood to carry oxygen. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin. Symptoms in infants can develop rapidly, with health deteriorating over a period of days. If symptoms occur, seek medical attention immediately.

- **PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD NOT CONSUME THE WATER.** *High nitrate levels may also affect the oxygen-carrying ability of the blood of pregnant women.*
- Water, juice, and formula should not be prepared with tap water. Bottled water or

other water low in perchlorate should be used until further notice.

- **DO NOT BOIL THE WATER.** Boiling, freezing, filtering, or letting water stand does not reduce the nitrate or perchlorate levels. Excessive boiling can make the nitrates and perchlorates more concentrated, because nitrates and perchlorates remain behind when the water evaporates.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What is being done?

Perchlorate is an inorganic chemical often used in solid rocket propellant, fireworks, explosives, flares, matches, and a variety of industries. It usually gets into drinking water as a result of environmental contamination from historic aerospace or other industrial operations that used or use, store, or dispose of perchlorate and its salts. We will let you know when the amount of perchlorate is again below the limit.

Nitrate in drinking water can come from natural, industrial, or agricultural sources (including septic systems, storm water run-off, and fertilizers). Levels of nitrate in drinking water can vary throughout the year. We will let you know if the amount of nitrate is again below the limit.

For more information, please contact Fritz Meier at 559-741-5299 or the Gleanings for the Hungry site.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Secondary Notification Requirements

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- **SCHOOLS:** Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- **RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS** (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- **BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS:** Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

This notice is being sent to you by Gleanings for the Hungry.

State Water System ID#: 5402047. Date distributed: June 5, 2015.

Certification of Completion of Public Notification

This form, when completed and returned to the Division of Drinking Water - Tulare District (265 W. Bullard Ave. #101, Fresno, CA 93704 or fax to 559-447-3304), serves as certification that public notification to water users was completed as required by Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Sections 64463-64465.

Public Water System Name: Gleanings for the Hungry

Public Water System No.: 5402047

Public notification for **failure to comply with the** Nitrate and Perchlorate MCL **for the** quarter **of 20** was performed by the following method(s) (check and complete those that apply):

- The notice was mailed to users on: _____
 A copy of the notice is attached.
- The notice was hand delivered to water customers on: _____
 A copy of the notice is attached.
- The notice was published in the local newspaper on: _____
 A copy of the newspaper notice is attached.
- The notice was published in conspicuous places on: _____
 A copy of the notice is attached.
 A list of locations the notice was posted is attached.
- The notice was delivered to community organizations on: _____
 A copy of the notice is attached.
 A list of community organizations the notice was delivered to is attached.

I hereby certify that the above information is factual.

 Printed Name

 Title

 Signature

 Date

Disclosure: Be advised that Section 116725 and 116730 of the California Health and Safety Code state that any person who knowingly makes any false statement on any report or document submitted for the purpose of compliance with the attached order may be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for separate violation each day that the 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 the county jail not to exceed one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.

Due to the Division of Drinking Water within 10 days of issuance of notice to customers

System Number: 5402047

Enforcement Action No. 03-24-15R-028

Quarterly Progress Report

Water System: Gleanings for the Hungry	Water System No.: 5402047
Compliance Order No.: 03-24-16R-009	Violation: Nitrate and Perchlorate MCLs
Calendar Quarter:	Date Prepared:

This form should be prepared and signed by Water System personnel with appropriate authority to implement the directives of the Compliance Order and the Corrective Action Plan. Please attach additional sheets as necessary. The quarterly progress report must be submitted by the 10th day of each subsequent quarter, to the Division of Drinking Water, Tulare District Office.

Summary of Compliance Plan:

Tasks completed in the reporting quarter:

Tasks remaining to complete:

Anticipate compliance date:

Name

Signature

Title

Date