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**Santa Clara Resources  
c/o Pyramid Flowers  
3813 West Doris Avenue  
Oxnard, CA 93030**

**Attention: Fred Van Wingerden  
President**

**CITATION FOR TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL  
EXCEEDANCE**

**WATER SYSTEM NO.: 5603117  
CITATION NO.: 04\_06\_16C\_010**

Section 116650 of Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 104 of the California Health and Safety Code (H&S Code), authorizes the issuance of a notice of violation for failure to comply with the requirements of the California Safety Drinking Water Act, or any regulation, standard, permit or order issued hereunder.

**VIOLATION**

The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter DDW) hereby issues a Notice of Violation to Santa Clara Resources (hereinafter SCR) for the following violation:

**Total Trihalomethanes Maximum Contaminant Level Exceedance**

Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 64533: Specifically, SCR has failed the total trihalomethanes standard of 80 µg/L based on the locational running annual average (LRAA) of the previous four quarters of sampling in the drinking water analyzed from the 4255 Gonzales (Topstar Sink) sample site. The monitoring results for the previous four quarters are summarized below.

Sample Location	Chemical Sample	Sampling Date				OEL	LRAA
		6/17/15	9/25/15	12/14/15	3/25/16		
4255 Gonzales (Topstar Sink)	TTHM (µg/L)	72	93	99	90	93	88

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Based on the previous four quarters of monitoring, the Operational Evaluation Level (OEL) is 93 µg/L and the LRAA is 88 µg/L. SCR has been out of compliance with the TTHM drinking water standard at the Topstar Sink sampling location for three consecutive quarters. SCR also failed to submit a Disinfection Byproducts Operational Evaluation Level (OEL) Plan to DDW as directed on Citation No. 04\_06\_15C\_026 issued by DDW on November 17, 2015 for the TTHM MCL violation for the third quarter of 2015, and Citation No. 04\_06\_15C\_035 issued by DDW on January 13, 2016 for the TTHM MCL violation for the fourth quarter of 2015.

According to Section 116650 of the Health and Safety Code, the above is classified as a non-continuing violation.

### **BACKGROUND**

SCR is classified as a non-transient, non-community water system that serves potable water to a population of approximately 200 people through 1 service connection. SCR operates under the authority of a domestic water supply issued on September 20, 2002 by DDW.

SCR is a flower production facility and its service area is comprised of two facilities, Grolink and Topstar. The domestic water is used to serve the restrooms and lunch rooms located in the two facilities. SCR's source of domestic water supply consists of one groundwater well, the Dutch Brothers Well 01, which has a source capacity of 500 gallons per minute (gpm). The well pumps water to two storage tanks: the 3,100 gallon poly-plastic storage tank located inside a building at the Grolink facility and the 120,000 gallon bolted steel storage tank located next to a fire storage tank at the Topstar facility. SCR has installed a chlorine tablet floater at the 3,100 gallon poly-plastic tank to chlorinate the water that is served to the Grolink facility. SCR maintains a booster pump station in addition to an 80 gallon pressure tank to maintain adequate pressure for its one pressure zone. A chlorination facility is maintained at the booster pump station to inject sodium hypochlorite into the pipeline that delivers water to the Topstar facility. SCR does not have a back-up source or inter-connection to any neighboring public water systems for emergency use. SCR supplies bottled water obtained from an approved source as an alternate drinking water source for human consumption in addition to appropriate notification to its employees.

### **DIRECTIVES**

Santa Clara Resources is hereby directed to take the following actions:

1. SCR shall distribute an approved public notification regarding the exceedance of the total trihalomethanes standard to all customers served by SCR using appropriate Tier 2 required health effects languages and a description of the incident by June 9, 2016. The format of the notice must be approved by DDW. SCR is also required to submit a certification of public notice to DDW's Santa Barbara District Office within 30 days of its completion.
2. SCR was required to notify its customers by December 17, 2015 and February 13, 2016 for the TTHM MCL violation during the third and fourth quarter of 2015 respectively. DDW has not received the certification of public notice from SCR for the previous two TTHM MCL violations. SCR shall also submit the previous two certification of public notice and a copy of the Tier 2 Public Notifications that were issued for the TTHM MCL violations during the third and fourth quarter of 2015.
3. SCR was required to submit a Disinfection Byproducts (DBP) Operational Evaluation Level (OEL) Plan by January 17, 2016 for the first TTHM MCL violation during the third quarter of 2015.

SCR was required to submit a second DBP OEL Plan by March 13, 2016 for the second consecutive TTHM MCL violation during the fourth quarter of 2015. As of May 9, 2016, DDW has not received any OEL Plan from SCR. SCR shall submit a DBP OEL Plan to DDW's Santa Barbara District Office by June 25, 2016 for the third consecutive TTHM MCL violation for the first quarter of 2016. The OEL Plan shall include the examination of system treatment and distribution operational practices including storage tank operations, excess storage capacity, distribution system flushing, changes in sources or source water quality, and treatment changes or problems that may contribute to trihalomethanes (TTHM) and haloacetic acids (HAA5) formation. SCR shall also include information on what actions could be considered to minimize future exceedances. SCR shall continue to submit an updated OEL plan to DDW at least every 90 days thereafter until compliance with the TTHM drinking water standard is met. Failure to submit a DBP OEL Plan to DDW by June 25, 2016 will result in DDW imposing an administrative penalty not to exceed \$1000 (one thousand dollars) per day until a DBP OEL Plan has been submitted.

4. A copy of the completed Tier 2 Notice and Proof of Notification form shall be submitted to:

Jeff Densmore, P.E., District Engineer  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Drinking Water, Santa Barbara District  
1180 Eugenia Place, Suite 200  
Carpinteria, CA 93013-2000

**CIVIL PENALTIES**

Sections 116650 (d) and (e) of the H&S Code allow for the assessment of a civil penalty for failure to comply with the requirements of Chapter 4. Failure to comply with any provision of this citation will result in DDW imposing an administrative penalty not to exceed \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) per day as of the date of violation of any provision of this citation. If you have any questions regarding this Citation, please contact our office at (805) 566-1326.

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Jeff Densmore, P.E., District Engineer  
Santa Barbara District  
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May 9, 2016

Date:

cc: Ventura County Environmental Health Division

