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38001 CR 27
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CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE

TOTAL COLIFORM MAXIMUM CONTAMINATION LEVEL VIOLATION

Issued August 11, 2016

Section 116650, Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 104 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, or any regulation, standard, permit, or order issued hereunder.

VIOLATION

The Environmental Health Division of the Yolo County Department of Community Services (hereinafter 'Division') hereby issues a citation to Alforex Seeds, a Non Community Public Water System (hereinafter 'Water System'), for failure to comply with Section 116555(a)(1) of the CHSC and § 64426.1(b)(2) of Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR). Specifically, the Water System (mailing address: 38001 CR 27 WOODLAND CA 95695) failed to comply with the Total Coliform Rule Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for the compliance period July 2016.

CCR § 64426.1(b)(2) specifies that a public water system collecting fewer than 40 samples per month is in violation of the total coliform MCL when more than one sample collected during any month is total coliform- positive.

The bacteriological water analyses results submitted by the Water System is summarized in the table below:

Sample	Location	Result
8/2/2016	Well 01	Coliform Absent, E.Coli Absent
8/2/2016	Breakroom Sink	Coliform Absent, E.Coli Absent
8/2/2016	Kitchen Sink	Coliform Absent, E.Coli Absent
8/2/2016	North Bathroom	Coliform Absent, E.Coli Absent
8/2/2016	South Bathroom	Coliform Absent, E.Coli Absent
7/28/2016	Well 01	Coliform Absent, E.Coli Absent

7/28/2016	Breakroom Sink	Coliform Absent, E.Coli Absent
7/28/2016	Kitchen Sink	Coliform Absent, E.Coli Absent
7/28/2016	North Bathroom	Coliform Absent, E.Coli Absent
7/28/2016	South Bathroom	Coliform Absent, E.Coli Absent
7/21/2016	Well 01	Coliform Present, E.Coli Absent
7/21/2016	Breakroom Sink	Coliform Present, E.Coli Absent
7/21/2016	Kitchen Sink	Coliform Present, E.Coli Absent
7/21/2016	North Bathroom	Coliform Present, E.Coli Absent
7/21/2016	South Bathroom	Coliform Present, E.Coli Absent
7/19/2016	Well 01	Coliform Present, E.Coli Absent
7/19/2016	Breakroom Sink	Coliform Present, E.Coli Absent
7/19/2016	Kitchen Sink	Coliform Present, E.Coli Absent
7/19/2016	North Bathroom	Coliform Present, E.Coli Absent
7/19/2016	South Bathroom	Coliform Present, E.Coli Absent

Due to the submitted water sample results indicating the presence of total coliform, the Water System violated the Total Coliform Rule for the compliance period July 2016. The cause of the contamination is unknown since no specific source of contamination has been identified. The above violation is classified as a non-continuing violation.

ADDITIONAL REPORTING

Additionally, the Water System shall comply with the following CCR § 64424 of Title 22, CCR § 64424(d) specifies that if a public water system for which fewer than five routine samples/month are collected has one or more total coliform-positive samples, the water supplier shall collect at least five routine samples the following month. If the supplier stops supplying water during the month after the total coliform-positive(s), at least five samples shall be collected during the first month the system resumes operation.

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

CCR § 64426.1(c) requires a public water system to notify the Division and the consumers of the water system, when a violation of the total coliform MCL occurs. Notification to the Division shall be by the end of the business day on which the violation has been determined. If the Division is closed, notification shall be within 24 hours of the determination.

The Division was notified in accordance with the above referenced section on **July 25, 2016.**

Exceeding the MCL for total coliform bacteria is a Tier 2 Violation. You must provide public notice to persons served as soon as practical but no later than 30 days after you learn of the violation [California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Chapter 15, Section 64463.4(b)].

A Non-community public water system must notify consumers by posting in conspicuous locations throughout the area served by the water system. Each public notice given pursuant to this article shall:

- (1) Be displayed such that it catches people's attention when printed or posted and be formatted in such a way that the message in the public notice can be understood at the eighth-grade level;
- (2) Not contain technical language beyond an eighth-grade level or print smaller than 12 point; and
- (3) Not contain language that minimizes or contradicts the information being given in the public notice.

The water system **must also** use one of the following methods to reach persons not likely to be reached by the previous method:

- Publication in a local newspaper or newsletter distributed to consumers.
- Email message to employees.
- Posting on the Internet or intranet.
- Direct delivery to each consumer.

DIRECTIVES

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

1. Collect and have analyzed for total coliform **five routine samples** in the month of **August 2016**.
2. Consider to install chlorinator following any future total coliform MCL or E. coli MCL violation within the next 12 months.
3. By **August 25, 2016**, the Water System shall prepare and submit a Level 1 Assessment to the Division that describes the incident and all corrective actions taken, and the results of the investigation. Refer to the Level 1 Assessment Form included with this citation (Attachment A). The investigation shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a) Current operating procedures that are or could potentially be related to the increase in bacterial count, such as main repairs or well work conducted without disinfection.
 - b) Causes of possible system pressure loss to less than 5 psi.
 - c) Physical evidence indicating bacteriological contamination of facilities.
 - d) Analytical results of any additional investigative samples collected, including well samples.
 - e) Employees' or customers' illness suspected of being waterborne.
 - f) Records of the investigation and any action taken.

CIVIL PENALTIES

In accordance with CHSC Section 116650:

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

Under the Yolo County Ordinance, preparation of this citation as well as other enforcement activities will be billed at \$152 per hour to the water system. An invoice for one hour of report writing will be batched at the end of **August 2016** and is due upon receipt.

For questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (530) 666-8646.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chelsea Brown".

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