



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF
ECW-15J

VIA EMAIL

Ellis Mitchell, City Manager
City of Benton Harbor
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Re: Follow-up Action Required: EPA Inspection of the City of Benton Harbor public water system (PWS ID MI0000600) in Berrien County, Michigan and Notice of Significant Deficiency

Dear Mr. Ellis;

On November 10, 2021, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducted a compliance evaluation inspection of the City of Benton Harbor (PWS ID# MI0000600) Public Water System located in Berrien County, Michigan. The purpose of the inspection was to make observations about the site conditions, operation, and monitoring of the System to evaluate compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) and regulatory requirements, including elements of a sanitary survey. Enclosed please find a copy of our inspection report. EPA appreciates the opportunity to work with you to provide drinking water that meets or exceeds national drinking water standards.

Should you find anything in the report that you disagree with, or you wish to provide an update, please provide a detailed response within 30 days after receipt of the inspection report. The observations noted in the inspection report have been provided to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and any appropriate enforcement action following the issuance of this report will be conducted by EGLE.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this letter or believe any part of the report is not accurate, please contact either of staff, Victoria Anderson, at (312) 353-4367 or by e-mail at anderson.victoria@epa.gov or Taylor Girouard, at (312) 353-1394 or by e-mail at girouard.taylor@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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