

Instructions for LT2ESWTR Failure to Take Corrective Action Within Required Time

Template on Reverse

A system's failure to be in compliance with an EPA approved corrective action plan and schedule for a significant deficiency under the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT2ESWTR) is a treatment technique violation and requires Tier 2 notification. You must provide public notice to persons served as soon as practical but within 30 days after you learn of the violation [40 CFR 141.203(b)]. You must issue a repeat notice every three months for as long as the violation persists. Your primacy agency may have more stringent requirements for treatment technique violations. Check with your agency to make sure you meet all requirements.

Community systems must use one of the following methods [40 CFR 141.203(c)]:

- Hand or direct delivery
- Mail, as a separate notice or included with the bill

Noncommunity systems must use one of the following methods [40 CFR 141.203(c)]:

- Posting in conspicuous locations
- Hand delivery
- Mail

In addition both community and noncommunity systems must use *another* method reasonably calculated to reach others if they would not be reached by the first method [40 CFR 141.203(c)]. Such methods could include newspapers, e-mail, or delivery to community organizations. If you mail, post, or hand deliver, print your notice on your system's letterhead if available.

The notice on the reverse is appropriate for mailing, posting, or hand delivery. If you modify this notice, you must still include all required PN elements from 40 CFR 141.205(a) and leave the mandatory language unchanged (see below).

Mandatory Language

Mandatory language on health effects (from Appendix B to Subpart Q) must be included as written (with blanks filled in) and is presented in this notice in italics and with an asterisk on either end.

You must also include standard language to encourage the distribution of the public notice to all persons served, where applicable [40 CFR 141.205(d)]. This language is also presented in this notice in italics and with an asterisk on either end.

Corrective Action

In your notice, describe corrective actions you are taking. Listed below are some steps commonly taken by water systems with LT2ESWTR treatment technique violations. Depending on the corrective action you are taking, you can use one or more of the following statements, if appropriate, or develop your own text:

- Although we did not meet our deadline, we are now in consultation with the state to develop a corrective action plan.
- The significant deficiency has been identified and addressed.
- We have implemented a short term plan to address the immediate issue while we pursue the long-term solution.

Repeat Notices

For repeat notices, you should state how long the violation has been ongoing and remind consumers of when you sent out any previous notices. If you are making progress with correcting the significant deficiency or addressing the fecal indicator-positive source sample, describe it. Alternatively, if funding or other issues are delaying corrective action, let consumers know.

After Issuing the Notice

Within ten days after issuing the notice, you must send to EPA a copy of each type of notice, along with certification that you have met all the public notice requirements.

Certification of Public Notification

I _____ certify that the attached public notification was issued
(PWS Operator/Responsible Party)

from _____ to _____
(Date) (Date)

The attached notice was issued by _____.
(Method of delivery)

Signature _____ Date _____

Failure to Take Corrective Action Within Required Time Frame Public Notice

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

_____ (PWS Name) Failed to Correct a Significant Deficiency Within Required Time Frame.

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did (are doing) to correct this situation.

During a routine sanitary survey conducted on _____ by the Environmental Protection Agency Region 8, the following significant deficiency was identified:

(Describe significant deficiency(s)) _____

According to the EPA's Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule, we were required to take action to correct this deficiency. However, we failed to take this action according to the schedule we submitted to the EPA.

What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. **These symptoms, however, are not caused only by organisms in drinking water, but also by other factors. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.**

What is being done?

(Describe corrective action) _____

We anticipate resolving the problem within (estimated time frame) _____. For more information, please contact (name of system contact) _____ at (phone number) _____ or (mailing address) _____.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by (system name) _____.

Public Water System ID#: _____.

Date distributed: _____.