

September 3, 2025

Transmitted Electronically

Ms. Nicole Ward
Safety Service Director
City of Galion
301 Harding Way E.
Galion, Ohio 44833

**Re: Galion City
NOV
Drinking Water Program
Crawford County
PWS ID: OH1700211**

Subject: Failure to Report Sample Results on Time for Water Quality Parameters in the Distribution System; Violation Type 53; Violation ID: 227; Facility ID: 1753658

Dear Ms. Ward:

Optimal Water Quality Parameters (OWQP) were designated for this facility in the June 28, 2006, plan approval. That plan approval required collection of two samples of orthophosphate, total alkalinity, and pH at least a week apart from the same ten taps in each six-month monitoring period. Results are required to be reported to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) by the 10th day of the month after the water system receives the results. During the January – June 2025 monitoring period, some of these sample results were submitted after the 10th day of the month after the water system received their results.

Galion City is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-81-90 (A)(1) for failure to report the results of required WQP sampling to Ohio EPA within 10 days following the end of the month in which the system received the sample results. WQP samples were collected in the distribution system during April – June 2025, but results were not reported to Ohio EPA until July 23, 2025. Therefore, the WQP data was not submitted to Ohio EPA within 10 days following the end of the month in which sample results were received and the distribution WQP data was reported late for the January – June 2025 monitoring period.

Ensure OWQP sample results are reported on time in the future.

ACTION REQUIRED:

1. **As soon as practical, but no later than one year after** the date of this letter, notify your customers of this violation using the enclosed instructions and public notice.
2. **Within 10 days** of completing the public notification requirements, complete and send a verification form with a copy of the public notice to Justin Bowerman at justin.bowerman@epa.ohio.gov.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A summary of the Director's Specified OWQP and monitoring requirements from the June 28, 2006, plan approval can be found in the tables below. Continue to follow the monitoring requirements and OWQPs as specified below.

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Parameter	Minimum Value or Range	Frequency
pH (S.U.)	≥ 9.0	Every 2 weeks (14 days)
Orthophosphate (mg/L as PO ₄)	≥ 1.2	
Total Alkalinity (mg/L as CaCO ₃)	≥ 28	
Total Phosphorus (mg/L as P)	-	Monthly

Distribution WQP	
Parameters	Frequency
Orthophosphate Total Alkalinity pH	2 samples at least a week apart from the same 10 taps per 6 months

Failure to comply with Chapter 6109 of the Ohio Revised Code and rules promulgated thereunder may result in an administrative or civil penalty. Please note that the submission of any requested information to respond to this letter does not constitute waiver of the Ohio EPA's authority to seek administrative or civil penalties as provided in Section 6109.23 and 6109.33 of the Ohio Revised Code.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, or any other matter involving your water system, please feel free to contact me by email at justin.bowerman@epa.ohio.gov or by phone at 419.373.4118.

Sincerely,



Justin Bowerman
Environmental Specialist III
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

/tkz

Enclosures: *Tier 3 Monitoring Violation Public Notice
Public Notice Instructions and Verification Form*

cc: Galion City Health Department
James Warner, Designated Operator
Timonthy Kruger, Backup Operator
Brandon Rumple, ORC Distribution
Michael Deal, DDAGW
Kimberly Burnham, DDAGW
Lucas Froelich, DDAGW
Lara Schramm, DDAGW
Emily Austin, DDAGW

DRINKING WATER NOTICE

Monitoring requirements not met for Galion City

We are required to monitor your drinking water for corrosion control indicators. During the January – June 2025 monitoring period, Galion City failed to report water quality parameter results on time to Ohio EPA.

What Should I Do?

This notice is to inform you that Galion City did not report results for corrosion control indicators as required by Ohio EPA during the January – June 2025 monitoring period. You do not need to take any action in response to this notice.

What Is Being Done?

Galion City will take steps to ensure that results are reported on time in the future.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Galion City at:

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

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 (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Date Distributed: _____

PWSID: OH1700211

Facility ID: 1753658

Violation ID: 227

(Return a copy to Ohio EPA with the verification form & retain a copy for your records.)

PUBLIC NOTICE INSTRUCTIONS AND VERIFICATION FORM FOR COMMUNITY PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS WITH TIER 3 VIOLATIONS

The owner or operator of a community public water system with a Tier 3 violation or situation shall notify the persons served by the public water system as soon as practical but **no later than one year** after the system learns of the violation. At a minimum, community public water systems must issue the notice by **mail or other direct delivery**. Public notice issued by other methods shall be repeated annually as long as the violation or situation persists.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE PUBLIC WAS NOTIFIED BY THE FOLLOWING METHOD(S) INDICATED BELOW, AS DESCRIBED IN THE OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULE 3745-81-32:

Required Method of Public Notification	Actual Method of Public Notification
<p>Use one or more of the following methods to reach all persons served by the public water system:</p> <p>Public notice issued by mail or other direct delivery to each customer receiving a bill and to other service connections to which water is delivered by the public water system. <i>The consumer confidence report (CCR) delivered to customers by July 1 of each year may be used as long as the public notice includes all the required content and is delivered within the required timeframe.</i></p>	<p>Describe actual methods used to notify public of the violation:</p> <p>Date of mailing/delivery: _____</p> <p><i>Please check if public notice was included in the yearly CCR _____</i></p>
<p>If the above methods do not reach all persons served, also use any other method reasonably calculated to reach other persons regularly served by the public water system (e.g. publication in a local newspaper or newsletter, delivery of multiple copies for distribution by customers that provide their drinking water to others, posting in public places served by the system, use of e-mail or the Internet to notify employees or students, or delivery community organizations). <i>If the notice is posted, it shall remain in place as long as the violation exists, but in no case less than 7 days.</i></p>	<p>A. Method(s): _____ _____ _____</p> <p>B. Date(s): _____</p>

Please indicate below what public notice was used. INCLUDE A COPY OF THE PUBLIC NOTICE.

A public notice as provided was issued without changes.
 A different public notice was issued **after consulting with Ohio EPA on _____.**

Signature of Responsible Person

Date

PWS NAME: Galion City

PWSID: OH1700211

Facility ID: 1753658

COUNTY: Crawford County

TYPE 53 WATER QUALITY PARAMETER M/R

January – June 2025

Violation ID: 277

Printed Name and Title of Responsible Person

For Ohio EPA Use Only:

Date PN received: _____