

June 6, 2016

Mayor Lynette Oswald
City of Prescott
72742 Blakely St.
Rainier, OR 97048

RE: Notice of Non-Compliance Regarding the City of Prescott Public Water System

Ms. Oswald,

The City of Prescott is a community public water system identified by public water system ID OR41-00692, serves approximately 70 people, and is subject to regulation under ORS 448.115 to 448.290 and OAR 333-061-0005 to 333-061-0272.

The City of Prescott (the City) is a water supplier as defined in Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 448.115(12) and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-061-0020(211), and has specific responsibilities as defined in OAR 333-061-0025.

The Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division, Center for Health Protection, Drinking Water Services (DWS) has reviewed the operation of the City of Prescott water system. This review has found that the City is not in compliance with the following Oregon Administrative Rules, and is, therefore, not meeting its responsibilities as a water supplier as prescribed by the Oregon Drinking Water Quality Act (ORS 448.115 to ORS 448.290) and rules.

DESCRIPTION OF RULE VIOLATIONS

- Violation No. 1: OAR 333-061-0036(2)(c) requires sampling for lead and copper for all community public water systems. DWS notified Kathy McMullen, the contact for the City of Prescott water system, by letter dated September 1, 2015 that lead and copper results had not been reported for the most recent monitoring period, January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015. DWS has not received these results as of this notification, which constitutes a violation of the rule if samples were, in fact, not collected.

ACTIONS REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE

Due to the rule violations identified above, the City is required to complete the following actions relating to the City of Prescott water system:

- Compliance Action No. 1: Collect lead and copper samples in accordance with OAR 333-061-0036(2)(c) and report sample results to DWS no later than October 10, 2016.
 - Lead and copper samples must be collected between June 1, 2016 and September 30, 2016, which have been determined to be the warmest months of the year. Samples collected before June 1, 2016 and after September 30, 2016 will not qualify for compliance or satisfy this compliance action.

If the City does not comply with the deadlines specified in this letter, the continued non-compliance may result in additional enforcement action including the assessment of civil penalties as prescribed by OAR 333-061-0090. Please contact Joel Ferguson at Columbia County Environmental Health at (503) 366-3828 to discuss the compliance actions specified in this letter.

Respectfully,



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cc: James Nusrala, Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services
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