



April 8, 2015

Annette and Raymond Fordyce
Fordyce Farm
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Salem, OR 97305

Reminder of 2015 Start-up Requirements for the Fordyce Farm Public Water System, PWS OR41-95410

Dear Mrs. and Mr. Fordyce,

In September and October 2014 total coliform bacteria was confirmed in samples collected at your water system. Due to the presence of coliform bacteria you were instructed to chlorinate and flush the water system before opening for the 2015 operating system. These instructions were provided to Annette in a conversation with myself on November 7, 2014.

Please ensure that you “shock” chlorinate and then flush your entire water system before opening to the public in May this year. After completely flushing the system you should collect a sample according to laboratory procedures and have it analyzed for coliform bacteria to make sure the disinfection was effective. Please call me if you need any assistance or have questions about how complete this process.

This is necessary because the presence of coliform bacteria in September and October 2014 constituted an exceedance of the maximum contaminant level for coliform bacteria, which is specified in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-061-0030(4). Owners and operators of public water systems are required to take action to make sure maximum contaminant levels are not exceeded.

When the water system opens to the public in May please ensure that five samples are collected and analyzed for coliform bacteria and reported to the





Oregon Health Authority. This is required by OAR 333-061-0036(6) and was also discussed on November 7, 2014.

Also, please ensure a sample is collected and analyzed for nitrate and reported to the Oregon Health Authority. This sampling is required by OAR 333-061-0036(2)(d) and needs to be completed every year. A nitrate sample was not reported for 2014.

You can submit water sample results using one of the following methods:

1. Email the report to: dwp.dmce@state.or.us
2. Mail the report to: DMCE
P.O. Box 14350,
Portland, OR 97293-0350
3. Fax the report to (971) 673-0694

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at (541) 928-1447.

Thank you,

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cc: Gregg Baird, Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services
Drinking Water Services Enforcement Personnel

