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June 10, 2013

Water System No. 4900913

Orlando Ceballos
Robin Way Water System
3158 Orchard View
Fairfield, CA 94534

CITATION NO. 02-18-13C-021
NITRATE MONITORING AND REPORTING VIOLATION FOR FIRST QUARTER 2013

Enclosed is a Citation issued to Robin Way Water System (System).

Your System will be billed at the Department's hourly rate (currently estimated at \$126.00) for the time spent on issuing this Citation since this is an enforcement action for noncompliance with State regulations. At this time, we have spent approximately one hour on enforcement activities associated with this violation. You will receive a bill sent from our Fee Billing Unit in Sacramento on approximately August 1, 2013. This bill will contain fees for any enforcement time spent on your System.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Waldon Wong of my staff at (707) 576-2764 or me at (707) 576-2006.

Sincerely,

Marianne Watada
for
Janice M. Thomas, P.E.
Sonoma District Engineer
Drinking Water Field Operations Branch

Enclosures

CC (w/ Enclosures): Mark Zastrow, P.O. Box 2118, Penngrove, CA 95492

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Name of Public Water System: Robin Way Water System

Water System No: 4900913

To: Orlando Ceballos
3158 Orchard View
Farfield, CA 94534

Issued: June 10, 2013

CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE

With Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations Section 64432.1

Section 116650 of the California Health and Safety Code (CHSC) authorizes the issuance of a citation for failure to comply with a requirement of the California Safe Drinking Water Act (CHSC, Division 4, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270) , or any regulation, standard, permit, or order issued thereunder.

The Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management of the State of California Department of Public Health (Department) hereby issues a citation to Robin Way Water System (System) for failure to comply with Title

1 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR) Sections 64432.1 and Citation No.
2 02-18-12C-014.

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4 **APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES**

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7 Section 116650 of the CHSC states in relevant part:

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9 (a) If the department determines that a public water system is in violation of this
10 chapter or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted
11 thereunder, the department may issue a citation to the public water system.
12 The citation shall be served upon the public water system personally or by
13 certified mail. Service shall be deemed effective as of the date of personal
14 service or the date of receipt of the certified mail. If a person to whom a citation
15 is directed refuses to accept delivery of the certified mail, the date of service
16 shall be deemed to be the date of mailing.

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18 (b) Each citation shall be in writing and shall describe the nature of the violation or
19 violations, including a reference to the statutory provision, standard, order,
20 citation, permit, or regulation alleged to have been violated.

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22 (c) A citation may specify a date for elimination or correction of the condition
23 constituting the violation.

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25 (d) A citation may include the assessment of a penalty as specified in subdivision
26 (e).

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(e) The department may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation occurred, and for each day that a violation continues to occur. A separate penalty may be assessed for each violation.

California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 64432.1 states in relevant part:

For public water systems using groundwater, the repeat monitoring frequency shall be quarterly for at least one year following any one sample in which the concentration is greater than or equal to 50 percent of the maximum contaminant level (MCL).

CCR, Section 64469 states in relevant part:

(a) Analytical results of all sample analyses completed in a calendar month shall be reported to the Department no later than the tenth day of the following month.

(c) Analytical results shall be reported to the Department electronically using the Electronic Deliverable Format as defined in The Electronic Deliverable Format [EDF] Version 1.2i Guidelines & Restrictions dated April 2001 and Data Dictionary dated April 2001.



STATEMENT OF FACTS

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The System is a public water system that has a population of 65 served by 20 connections. Pursuant to Section 64432.1, Title 22 of the CCR, the System is required to collect quarterly nitrate samples directly from Well 01. The analytical results of all required samples collected for a system in a quarter shall be reported to the Department not later than the tenth day of the following month.

The Department received an August 3, 2011 nitrate monitoring result for Well 01 of 23 milligrams per liter (mg/L). By letter dated September 16, 2011, the System was notified of the requirement to commence quarterly nitrate monitoring from Well 01. The System did not perform the quarterly nitrate monitoring for the first quarter of 2012. As of the date of this Citation, the Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management of the Department of Public Health has not received results for a nitrate sample collected in the first quarter of 2013.

This is the second violation of Sections 64432.1(a)(2) and 64469, Title 22 of the CCR by this System. The System was issued Citation No. 02-18-12C-014 by this Department on July 13, 2012 for failure to comply with the monitoring and reporting requirement in the first quarter 2012.

DETERMINATIONS

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THE DEPARTMENT HAS DETERMINED:

The System violated Title 22 of the CCR, Section 64432.1, in that the System failed to collect the required number of nitrate samples during the first quarter of 2013.

**PENALTIES PURSANT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION
116650**

The Department hereby assesses upon the System a penalty in the amount of \$100.00. Directions for paying this penalty are included in Directive 4 of this citation.

DIRECTIVES

The System is hereby directed to take the following actions:

1. Comply with Section 64432.1, Title 22, of the CCR in all future monitoring periods. The System must continue with quarterly nitrate monitoring of Well 01.

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2. Notify all persons served by the System of the nitrate monitoring requirements, in conformance with Section 64463.4 and 64465, Title 22 of the CCR, and as follows:

- a) Completion of Attachment A to include the name, address, and telephone number of a System representative as a source of additional information concerning the public notice. **You must also give a legible, written description (preferably typed) of the corrective actions taken by the System to prevent this violation from occurring in the future. You must use the space provided in Attachment A for this written description.**

- b) Provide the notice by mail or direct delivery, **after it has been completed in accordance with (a) above**, to each customer or service connection served by the System by **July 12, 2013**.

- c) Publish the notice contained in Attachment A, **after it has been completed in accordance with (a) above**, in a local newspaper of general circulation in the area served by the System (or weekly newspaper if no daily paper is available) for one day. The publication in a local newspaper must be completed by **July 12, 2013**.

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d) Provide public notice for this violation in accordance with Section 64465(c), Title 22 or the CCR, which requires for each non-English speaking group that exceeds 1,000 residents or 10% of the residents in a community (whichever is less), that the public notice contain information in the appropriate language(s) regarding the importance of the notice, or it contain a telephone number or address where such residents may contact the System to receive a translated copy of the notice or to receive assistance in the appropriate language.

3. The System shall complete the attached Compliance Certification form and return it to the Department within 10 days of the public notice being given to system customers but in no case later than **July 22, 2013**. **A copy of the notice published in the newspaper, a copy of the notice delivered to the customers, and a copy of the laboratory results must be attached to the form.**

4. Submit to the Department by **July 22, 2013**, a check for the penalty of \$100.00 imposed by this Citation and a copy of the form which is attached hereto entitled "Notice of Citation Issuance." The Citation number shall be written on the check. The check shall be made payable to the **California Department of Public Health Safe Drinking Water Account** and submitted to:

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Department of Public Health
Drinking Water Program – Fee Billing Unit
ATTN: Ms. Perin Peebles
P.O. Box 997379, MS 7406
Sacramento, CA 95899-7379

The Department reserves the right to make such modifications to this Citation, as it may deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications may be issued as amendments to this Citation and shall be effective upon issuance.

Nothing in this Citation relieves the System of its obligation to meet the requirements of the California Safe Drinking Water Act (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit or order issued thereunder.

All submittals required by this Citation shall be submitted to the Department at the following address: Janice M. Thomas, P.E.
Department of Public Health
Drinking Water Field Operations Branch
50 D Street, Suite 200
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

PARTIES BOUND

This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon the System, its officers, directors, agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.

SEVERABILITY

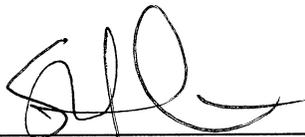
The directives of this Citation are severable, and the System shall comply with each and every provision thereof notwithstanding the effectiveness of any provision.

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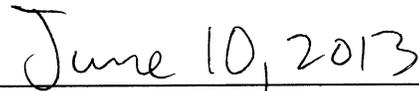
FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION

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Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, (commencing with section 116270) of the California Health and Safety Code authorizes the Department to: issue additional citations with assessment of penalties if the System continues to fail to correct a violation identified in a citation; take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been issued to a public water system if the system has violated applicable law or regulations or has failed to comply with orders of the Department; and petition the superior court to take various enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to comply with orders of the Department. The Department does not waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this citation.



Stefan Cajina, P.E., Chief
North Coastal Section
Drinking Water Field Operations Branch



Date

Attachments

Certified Mail No. 7012 2210 0001 9133 4079

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COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

Citation Number: 02-18-13C-021

Name of Water System: Robin Way Water System

System Number: 4900913

Certification

I certify that the users of the water supplied by this System were notified of the nitrate monitoring violations of Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR) for the compliance period of the first quarter of 2013.

Required Action	Date Completed
Complete Attachment A, as required in Directive 3(a)	
Public Notification – Mail or Direct Delivery	
Public Notification – Newspaper	
Completed Chemical Monitoring Results	
Payment of \$100.00 Civil Penalty to CDPH in Sacramento	

Signature of Water System Representative

Date

Attach a copy of the notice posted in the system, a copy published in the newspaper, and lab results of completed sampling.

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT
NO LATER THAN JULY 23, 2013**

Disclosure: Be advised that Section 116725 and 116730 of the California Health and Safety Code states that any person who knowingly makes any false statement on any report or document submitted for the purpose of compliance with the attached order may be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each separate violation for each day that violation continues. In addition, the violators may be prosecuted in criminal court and upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000 for each day of violation, or be imprisoned in county jail not to exceed one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua potable. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

**Robin Way Water System Failed to Test for Nitrate during the First Quarter of 2013
January/February/March 2013**

We failed to test the drinking water for nitrate during the first quarter of 2013. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did to correct the situation. Please share this information with 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 giving out copies by hand or mail.

What happened?

We are required by state regulations to monitor our drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of this routine monitoring are an indicator of whether or not the drinking water meets health standards. During January/February/March 2013, we did not test for nitrate and, therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of the drinking water at that time.

What does this mean?

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) sets drinking water standards and has determined that nitrate poses an acute health concern at high levels of exposure. Nitrate is used in fertilizers and found in sewage and wastes from human and animal sources. It generally gets into drinking water from those activities. If the nitrate standard is met, the water served can be considered safe with respect to this chemical. If the nitrate standard is not met, drinking the water may pose a health hazard, especially to infants less than six months of age. Quarterly nitrate sampling is important to periodically verify the quality of your drinking water.

What should I do?

You do not need to take any corrective actions. This is not an emergency. If you have health concerns, you may wish to consult your doctor. General guidelines on nitrate in drinking water are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

What corrective actions have been taken to prevent this violation from occurring in the future?

This notification of the public is being done in compliance with Sections 64463.4 and 64465, Title 22 of the CCR as a means of keeping the public informed.

Persons wishing more information should contact:

(name)

(address)

(phone number)

