



April 13, 2026

**TRANSMITTED ELECTRONICALLY**

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

The Honorable Mayor Ray Lewis  
McDonald Village PWS  
451 Ohio Avenue  
McDonald, OH 44437

RE:    McDonald Village PWS  
      Notice of Violation  
      Drinking Water Program  
      Trumbull County  
      PWS ID# OH7802003

**Subject: Sanitary Survey – Facility ID# 7859129, Community**

Dear Mayor Lewis:

On March 17, 2026, I conducted a sanitary survey of the McDonald Village public water system (PWS). The purpose of our inspection was to determine your facility’s compliance with Ohio’s drinking water laws as found in Chapter 6109 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and Chapter 3745 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). Our inspection included a review of records associated with facility operations.

During the inspection Ohio EPA observed the following violations of Chapter 6109 of the ORC and Chapter 3745 of the OAC.

**SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES**

During the sanitary survey inspection, significant deficiencies were identified. In accordance with OAC Rules 3745-81-60 and 3745-81-61, your public water system shall respond in writing within thirty days of the date of this letter indicating how and on what schedule the public water system will address the following significant deficiencies. Whenever feasible, a public water system shall correct a significant deficiency within thirty days of notification. When a public water system is not able to complete a corrective action for a significant deficiency within thirty days, the system shall submit a plan within thirty days of the date of the notice of violation with a schedule for completing corrective actions and correct the significant deficiency according to the schedule accepted by the director. Consultation with your Ohio EPA district office representative prior to submitting a plan is encouraged.

- 1. Distribution - Storage Tank Disconnection:** In accordance with OAC Rule 3745-83-01(H), “(1) *The owner and operator shall ensure that all facilities and equipment necessary for the treatment and distribution of water shall be maintained, at a minimum so as to function as intended.* (2) *In the event*

*that the treatment facilities or equipment no longer function as intended, corrective action (which may include additional maintenance or modifications of the public water system) shall be taken by the owner.”*

- a.** At the time of the survey, the ground storage tank was valved off from distribution but not physically disconnected. Detail plans were approved on February 27, 2026, for the complete disconnection of this storage tank. This work should be completed as soon as possible.
- b.** This violation was previously cited in the April 20, 2023, Notice of Violation letter.
- c.** Within 30 days of the date of this letter, please provide documentation of the completion of the physical separation of the standpipe from distribution or provide a written response with a schedule detailing when corrective actions will be taken. Please email your written response to [daphne.plantner@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:daphne.plantner@epa.ohio.gov).

**2. Management and Operations - Valve Exercise Program:** In accordance with OAC Rule 3745-87-03(B), *“In order to demonstrate adequate technical capacity, the asset management program shall include, but is not limited to, the following: ... (4) Operation and maintenance programs. ... (b) Maintenance schedules or supporting documentation of the maintenance performed for each of the following as applicable: ... (v) Distribution system components, including tanks, hydrants and valves. (c) Demonstration of an adequate maintenance log.”* Additionally, in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-7-09(B)(4), *“The records shall include the following: ... (c) Specific operation and maintenance activities that affect, or have the potential to affect, the quality or quantity of sewage or water conveyed, effluent or water produced. ... (f) The identification of the persons making entries.”*

- a.** At the time of the survey, the valve exercising program documentation was not sufficient. Exercise documentation did not include the date of the exercise or the personnel completing the exercise. Additionally, each valve did not have a unique identifier; valves were only identified by address.
- b.** This violation was previously cited in the April 20, 2023 Notice of Violation letter.
- c.** Within 30 days of the date of this letter, please provide the documentation detailed above or provide a written response with a schedule detailing when corrective actions will be taken. Please email your written response to [daphne.plantner@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:daphne.plantner@epa.ohio.gov).

Failure to correct a significant deficiency violation in accordance with a schedule accepted by the Director represents a treatment technique violation and the water system would be required to issue a Tier 2 public notice to their water consumers.

## **VIOLATIONS**

The following violations of Ohio’s safe drinking water laws and rules were observed. In accordance with OAC Rule 3745-81-60, your public water system shall respond in writing within thirty days of the date of this letter indicating how and on what schedule the public water system will address the following violations and correct the violations according to a schedule accepted by the director.

- 1. Management and Operations - Contingency Plan Exercises:** In accordance with OAC Rule 3745-85-01(E), *“(1) At least annually, public water systems covered under this rule shall exercise the responses to one or more of the circumstances identified in the plan. The exercise may be discussion-based, tabletop or live. Exercises do not need to be conducted outside of normal business operations. Each circumstance identified by the plan shall be included in an exercise at least once every five years. An exercise may include more than one of the circumstances identified by the plan. (2) Community public water systems shall consult with the county EMA regarding participation in a hazardous spill exercise. (3) Documentation of exercise participation shall be maintained at the public water system and made available upon request. Documentation shall include a list of participants, information regarding the topic of the exercise, outcomes of the exercise and a discussion of items that went well and improvements that are needed.”*

  - a.** At the time of the survey, contingency plan exercises were not being documented with the contingency plan and could not be confirmed to have been completed.
  - b.** Within 30 days of the date of this letter, please provide documentation of completed contingency plan exercises or provide a written response with a schedule detailing when corrective actions will be taken. Please email your written response to [daphne.plantner@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:daphne.plantner@epa.ohio.gov).
  
- 2. Management and Operations - Contingency Plan Revision:** In accordance with OAC Rule 3745-85-01(F)(1), *“The contingency plan required by this chapter of the Administrative Code shall be reviewed and updated as necessary, but at least annually.”*

  - a.** At the time of the survey, the contingency plan had not been updated within the past year.
  - b.** Attached is the most updated Ohio EPA contingency plan template for your reference.
  - c.** Within 30 days of the date of this letter, please provide an updated and completed contingency plan or provide a written response with a schedule detailing when corrective actions will be taken. Please email your written response to [daphne.plantner@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:daphne.plantner@epa.ohio.gov).
  
- 3. Management and Operations - Asset Management Program Update:** In accordance with OAC Rule 3745-87-05(A), *“The water system shall annually review and update the asset management program.”*

  - a.** At the time of the survey, the asset management program had not been updated within the past year.
  - b.** Attached is the Ohio EPA small community asset management program template for your reference.
  - c.** Within 30 days of the date of this letter, please provide an updated and completed asset management program or provide a written response with a schedule detailing when corrective actions will be taken. Please email your written response to [daphne.plantner@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:daphne.plantner@epa.ohio.gov).

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If you have already resolved the violations listed above, thank you, and please provide documentation supporting compliance. If you have not yet addressed the violations, please submit a compliance plan on how your PWS plans to correct the violations cited above. Documentation of steps taken to return to compliance includes written correspondence, updated policies, and photographs, as appropriate, and may be submitted via the postal service or electronically to [daphne.plantner@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:daphne.plantner@epa.ohio.gov).

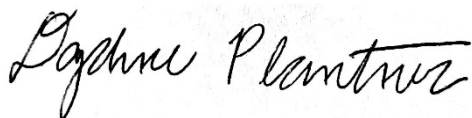
Failure to comply with Chapter 6109 of the Ohio Revised Code and rules promulgated thereunder may result in an administrative or civil penalty. If circumstances delay resolution of violations, McDonald Village PWS shall submit written correspondence describing the steps that will be taken and dates when compliance will be achieved.

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.

A copy of the checklists/forms that we completed as a result of the inspection is available upon request. Additional information (e.g. photographs, sampling results, comments, recommendations, etc.) to aid your water system will be sent to you in a separate letter.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me by email at [daphne.plantner@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:daphne.plantner@epa.ohio.gov), or by phone at (330) 963-1281.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Specialist II  
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

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Attachments :   Asset Management Program Template  
                          Contingency Plan Template

ec:   Allen Tyler, Environmental Supervisor, Ohio EPA, NEDO, DDAGW  
      Thomas Domitrovich, Village Administrator, Village of McDonald  
      Mike Schuller, Operator of Record  
      Trumbull County Health Department