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August 25, 2016
System No.: 5403154

Mr. Ken Williams
Willitts Equpiment Company
P.O. Box 1110
Exeter, CA 93221

RE: **Citation No. 03-24-16C-024**
Violation of Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 64426.1,
For July 2016

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed is a Citation issued to the Willitts Equipment Company (Water System) public water system.

The Water System will be billed at the Division's hourly rate (currently estimated at $153.00) for the time spent on issuing this Citation. The California Health and Safety Code Section 116577 provides that a public water system must reimburse the Division for actual costs incurred by the Division for specific enforcement actions, including but not limited to, preparing, issuing and monitoring compliance with a citation. At this time, the Division has spent approximately one hour on enforcement activities associated with this violation.

The Water System will receive a bill sent from the Division of Drinking Water Fee Billing Unit in August of the next fiscal year. This bill will contain fees for any enforcement time spent on Willitts Equipment Company for the current fiscal year.

If you have any questions regarding this letter and the enclosed citation, please contact the Tulare District office at (559) 447-3300.

Sincerely,

Chad Fischer, P.E.
Senior Sanitary Engineer, Tulare District
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH
DRINKING WATER FIELD OPERATIONS

CJF/TS
cc: Tulare County Environmental Health Department

Citation No. 03-24-16C-024

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

IN RE: **WILLITTS EQUIPMENT COMPANY**
Water System No. 5403154

TO: Mr. Ken Williams
Willitts Equipment Company
P.O. Box 1110
Exeter, CA 93221

CC: Tulare County Environmental Health Services Department

CITATION FOR VIOLATION OF
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22, SECTION 64426.1
July 2016

Issued on August 25, 2016

Section 116650 of the California Health and Safety Code authorizes the issuance of a citation to a public water system for violation of the California Safe Drinking Water Act (Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270) (hereinafter "California SDWA"), or any regulation, standard, permit or order issued or adopted thereunder.

The State Water Resources Control Board (hereinafter "Board"), acting by and through its Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter "Division") and the Deputy Director for the Division (hereinafter "Deputy Director"), hereby issues a citation to the Willitts Equipment Company (hereinafter "Water System") (P.O. Box 1110, Exeter, CA 93221) for violation of California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Section 64426.1.

APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES

The applicable statutes and regulations are provided in Appendix A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Water System is a nontransient noncommunity water system serving a population of approximately 50 persons through 1 service connection.

The Water System is required to collect a minimum of one distribution system bacteriological sample per month. The bacteriological water analysis results submitted by the Water System reported the presence of total coliform bacteria in three of five samples collected by the Water System in July 2016. None of the positive samples showed the presence of fecal coliform or *E. coli* bacteria.

Upon being informed of the presence of total coliform bacteria in the routine sample collected on July 19, 2016, Water System staff collected a total of four repeat samples on July 21, 2016. Two of the repeat samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. Additional routine samples were not collected in follow up to the positive repeat samples. A set of five routine samples were collected on August 16, 2016. All of the routine samples were negative for total coliform bacteria. All water samples for coliform bacteria collected during July and August 2016 are summarized in Attachment A.

The cause of the contamination is unknown since no specific source of contamination has been identified. The Water System does not provide continuous disinfection of the distribution system. The analytical results for the well that was online in the month of July 2016, showed no presence of total coliform bacteria. Well sampling was conducted on July 21, 2016 and the

concentrations reported were <1.0 MPN/100mL for both total coliform bacteria and *E. coli* bacteria.

The Groundwater Rule (GWR) requires the collection of a sample for bacteriological evaluation from the well(s) serving the system in response to a coliform positive distribution sample within 24 hours of being notified of the coliform positive result. Based on data submitted to the Division, the Water System fulfilled this requirement with the sample collected on July 21, 2016.

Public notification to the Division and consumers of a water system is required whenever a violation of the Total Coliform MCL occurs. Notification to the Division is required by the end of the business day on which the violation has been determined. If the Division is closed, notification shall be within 24 hours of the determination. The Division was notified on July 22, 2016.

Public notification to the consumers of the water systems has not been conducted. Attachment B is a copy of a public notice that the Water System may use to notify its consumers. This notice fulfills the total coliform MCL notification requirements and includes the mandatory language. Proof of notification is required (Attachment C).

DETERMINATION

Title 22, CCR, Section 64426.1, Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) provides that a public water system that collects fewer than 40 bacteriological samples per month has violated the regulation if more than one sample collected during any month is total coliform positive.

The Division has determined that the Water System failed to comply with Title 22, CCR, Section 64426.1, Total Coliform MCL for the month of July 2016 due to the presence of total coliform bacteria in three of five samples collected in July 2016.

The Division has also determined that the Water System failed to comply with Title 22, CCR, Section 64426.1(c) requires a public water system to notify the Division and the consumers of the water system, when a violation of Section 64426.1(b)(1) through (4) occurs. Notification to the Division is required by the end of the business day on which the violation has been determined. If the Division is closed, notification shall be within 24 hours of the determination.

DIRECTIVES

The Water System is hereby directed to take the following actions:

1. Comply with Title 22, CCR, Section 64426.1, in all future monitoring periods.

2. On or before **September 25, 2016** notify all persons served by the Water System of the TCR MCL violation by utilizing the Tier 2 Public Notice for violations of Section 64426.1. Public notice shall be given pursuant to Sections 64463.4 [lists method, time frame and delivery] and 64465 [content & format]. The Water System shall use the public notification template appended as Attachment B to fulfill the public notification requirements. Section 64463.4 allows nontransient noncommunity water systems to give public notice by posting the notice in conspicuous locations throughout the area served by the water system and by the use of one or more of the following methods in order to reach persons not likely to be reached by a public posting: publication in a local newspaper or newsletter distributed to customers, e-mailing the public notice to water system customers, post the public notice on the internet, or by delivery to each customer. The Water System shall post the notice in conspicuous locations throughout the area served by the water system.

3. Within ten days of the provision of public notification as outlined above in directive No. 2, the Water System shall provide to the Division certification of public notification using the enclosed Proof of Notification form (Attachment C). A copy of the final notice that was posted shall also be submitted to the Division with the proof of notification form.

4. The Water System shall collect repeat samples as required by Section 64424 and as discussed in this Citation whenever a routine sample is positive for total coliform bacteria.

5. The Water System shall notify the Division of any further violations of the total coliform MCL by the end of the business day on which the violation has been determined, or, if the Division is closed, within 24 hours of the determination.

6. By **September 15, 2016**, the Water System shall complete and submit the enclosed "Positive Total Coliform Rule Investigation" form to the Division that describes the incident and all corrective actions taken, and the results of the investigation. The appropriate investigation report is provided as Attachment D.

The Division reserves the right to make such modifications to the 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 Water System of its obligation to meet the requirements of the California Safe Drinking Water Act or any regulation, standard, permit or order issued thereunder.

All submittal required by this Citation shall be submitted to the Division at the following address:

Chad Fischer, P.E.
Senior Sanitary Engineer
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Drinking Water
265 W. Bullard Avenue, Suite 101
Fresno, CA 93704

PARTIES BOUND

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

SEVERABILITY

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

FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The California SDWA authorizes the Board to: issue citation with assessment of administrative penalties to a public water system for violation or continued violation of the requirements of the California SDWA or any permit, regulation or order issued or adopted thereunder including, but not limited to, failure to correct a violation identified in a citation or compliance order. The California SDWA also authorizes the Board to 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 an order of the Board; and to petition the superior court to take various enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to comply with an order of the Board. The Board does not waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this citation.

8/25/16

Date

Chad Fischer, P.E.
Senior Sanitary Engineer, Tulare District
DRINKING WATER FIELD OPERATIONS BRANCH

CJF/TS
Attachments:

Attachment A:	Summary of Bacteriological Samples from July and August 2016
Attachment B:	Public Notice for July 2016
Attachment C:	Proof of Notification Form
Attachment D:	Positive Total Coliform Rule Investigation report

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APPENDIX A

Applicable Statues and Regulations for Citation No. 03-24-16C-024

Section 116650 of the CHSC states in relevant part:
§116650. Citations

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

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

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

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

(e) The Division 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.

Section 64424 of Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR) states in relevant part:
§64424. Repeat Sampling.

(a) If a routine sample is total coliform-positive, the water supplier shall collect a repeat sample set as described in paragraph (a)(1) within 24 hours of being notified of the positive result. The repeat samples shall all be collected within the same 24 hour time period. A single service connection system may request that the Division allow the collection of the repeat sample set over a four-day period.
  (1) For a water supplier that normally collects more than one routine sample a month, a repeat sample set shall be at least three samples for each total coliform-positive sample. For a water supplier that normally collects one or fewer samples per month, a repeat sample set shall be at least four samples for each total coliform-positive sample.
  (2) If the water supplier is unable to collect the samples within the 24-hour time period specified in subsection (a) or deliver the samples to the laboratory within 24 hours after collection because of circumstances beyond its control, the water supplier shall notify the Department within 24 hours. The Department will then determine how much time the supplier will have to collect the repeat samples.

(b) When collecting the repeat sample set, the water supplier shall collect at least one repeat sample from the sampling tap where the original total coliform-positive sample was taken. Other repeat samples shall be collected within five service connections upstream or downstream of the original site. At least one sample shall be from upstream and one from downstream unless there is no upstream and/or downstream service connection.

(c) If one or more samples in the repeat sample set is total coliform-positive, the water supplier shall collect and have analyzed an additional set of repeat samples as

specified in subsections (a) and (b). The supplier shall repeat this process until either no coliforms are detected in one complete repeat sample set or the supplier determines that the MCL for total coliforms specified in §64426.1 has been exceeded and notifies the Department.

(d) If a public water system for which fewer than five routine samples/month are collected has one or more total coliform-positive samples, the water supplier shall collect at least five routine samples the following month. If the supplier stops supplying water during the month after the total coliform-positive(s), at least five samples shall be collected during the first month the system resumes operation. A water supplier may request the Department waive the requirement to collect at least five routine samples the following month, but a waiver will not be granted solely on the basis that all repeat samples are total coliform-negative. To request a waiver, one of the following conditions shall be met:
   (1) The Department conducts a site visit before the end of the next month the system provides water to the public to determine whether additional monitoring and/or corrective action is necessary to protect public health.
   (2) The Department determines why the sample was total coliform-positive and establishes that the system has corrected the problem or will correct the problem before the end of the next month the system serves water to the public. If a waiver is granted, a system shall collect at least one routine sample before the end of the next month it serves water to the public and use it to determine compliance with §64426.1.

Section 64426.1 of Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR) states in relevant part:
§64426.1. Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL).

(a) Results of all samples collected in a calendar month pursuant to Sections 64423, 64424, and 64425 that are not invalidated by the Department or the laboratory shall be included in determining compliance with the total coliform MCL. Special purpose samples such as those listed in §64421(b) and samples collected by the water supplier during special investigations shall not be used to determine compliance with the total coliform MCL.

(b) A public water system is in violation of the total coliform MCL when any of the following occurs:
   (1) For a public water system which collects at least 40 samples per month, more than 5.0 percent of the samples collected during any month are total coliform-positive; or
   (2) For a public water system which collects fewer than 40 samples per month, more than one sample collected during any month is total coliform-positive; or
   (3) Any repeat sample is fecal coliform-positive or E. coli-positive; or
   (4) Any repeat sample following a fecal coliform-positive or E. coli-positive routine sample is total coliform-positive.

(c) If a public water system is not in compliance with paragraphs (b)(1) through (4), during any month in which it supplies water to the public, the water supplier shall notify the Department by the end of the business day on which this is determined, unless the determination occurs after the Department office is closed, in which case the supplier shall notify the Department within 24 hours of the determination. The water supplier shall also notify the consumers served by the water system. A Tier 2 Public Notice shall be given for violations of paragraphs (b)(1) or (2), pursuant to section 64463.4. A Tier 1 Public Notice shall be given for violations of paragraphs (b)(3) or (4), pursuant to section 64463.1.

Section 64463.4 of Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR) states in relevant part:
§64463.4. Tier 2 Public Notice.

(a) A water system shall give public notice pursuant to this section if any of the following occurs:
  (1) Any violation of the MCL, MRDL, and treatment technique requirements, except:
    (A) Where a Tier 1 public notice is required under section 64463.1; or
    (B) Where the Department determines that a Tier 1 public notice is required, based on potential health impacts and persistence of the violations;
  (2) All violations of the monitoring and testing procedure requirements in sections 64421 through 64426.1, article 3 (Primary Standards – Bacteriological Quality), for which the Department determines that a Tier 2 rather than a Tier 3 public notice is required, based on potential health impacts and persistence of the violations;

. . . .

(b) A water system shall give the notice as soon as possible within 30 days after it learns of a violation or occurrence specified in subsection (a), except that the water system may request an extension of up to 60 days for providing the notice. This extension would be subject to the Department's written approval based on the violation or occurrence having been resolved and the Department's determination that public health and welfare would in no way be adversely affected. In addition, the water system shall:
  (1) Maintain posted notices in place for as long as the violation or occurrence continues, but in no case less than seven days;
  (2) Repeat the notice every three months as long as the violation or occurrence continues. Subject to the Department's written approval based on its determination that public health would in no way be adversely affected, the water system may be allowed to notice less frequently but in no case less than once per year. No allowance for reduced frequency of notice shall be given in the case of a total coliform MCL violation or violation of a Chapter 17 treatment technique requirement; and

. . . . .

(c) A water system shall deliver the notice, in a manner designed to reach persons served, within the required time period as follows:
  (1) Unless otherwise directed by the Department in writing based on its assessment of the violation or occurrence and the potential for adverse effects on public health and welfare, community water systems shall give public notice by;
    (A) Mail or direct delivery to each customer receiving a bill including those that provide their drinking water to others (e.g., schools or school systems, apartment building owners, or large private employers), and other service connections to which water is delivered by the water system; and
    (B) Use of one or more of the following methods to reach persons not likely to be reached by a mailing or direct delivery (renters, university students, nursing home patients, prison inmates, etc.):
      1. Publication in a local newspaper;
      2. Posting in conspicuous public places served by the water system, or on the Internet; or
      3. Delivery to community organizations.
  (2) Unless otherwise directed by the Department in writing based on its assessment of the violation or occurrence and the potential for adverse effects on public health and welfare, noncommunity water systems shall give the public notice by:

(A) Posting in conspicuous locations throughout the area served by the water system; and
(B) Using one or more of the following methods to reach persons not likely to be reached by a public posting:
1. Publication in a local newspaper or newsletter distributed to customers;
2. E-mail message to employees or students;
3. Posting on the Internet or intranet; or
4. Direct delivery to each customer.

Section 64465. of Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR) states in relevant part:
§64465. Public Notice Content and Format.

(a) Each public notice given pursuant to this article, except Tier 3 public notices for variances and exemptions pursuant to subsection (b), shall contain the following:
(1) A description of the violation or occurrence, including the contaminant(s) of concern, and (as applicable) the contaminant level(s);
(2) The date(s) of the violation or occurrence;
(3) Any potential adverse health effects from the violation or occurrence, including the appropriate standard health effects language from appendices 64465-A through G;
(4) The population at risk, including subpopulations particularly vulnerable if exposed to the contaminant in drinking water;
(5) Whether alternative water supplies should be used;
(6) What actions consumers should take, including when they should seek medical help, if known;
(7) What the water system is doing to correct the violation or occurrence;
(8) When the water system expects to return to compliance or resolve the occurrence;
(9) The name, business address, and phone number of the water system owner, operator, or designee of the water system as a source of additional information concerning the public notice;
(10) A statement to encourage the public notice recipient to distribute the public notice to other persons served, using the following standard language: "Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this public notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail"; and
(11) For a water system with a monitoring and testing procedure violation, this language shall be included: "We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During [*compliance period dates*], we *['did not monitor or test'* or *'did not complete all monitoring or testing']* for *[contaminant(s)]*, and therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time."

. . . . .

(c) Each public notice given pursuant to this article shall contain information in Spanish regarding the importance of the notice, or contain a telephone number or address where Spanish-speaking residents may contact the water system to obtain a translated copy of the public notice or assistance in Spanish. For each non-English speaking group other than Spanish-speaking that exceeds 1,000 residents or 10% of the residents in the community served, whichever is less, the public notice shall:

(1) Contain information in the appropriate language(s) regarding the importance of the notice, or
(2) Contain a telephone number or address where such residents may contact the water system to obtain a translated copy of the notice or assistance in the appropriate language.

(d) Each public notice given pursuant to this article shall:
(1) Be displayed such that it catches people's attention when printed or posted and be formatted in such a way that the message in the public notice can be understood at the eighth-grade level;
(2) Not contain technical language beyond an eighth-grade level or print smaller than 12 point; and
(3) Not contain language that minimizes or contradicts the information being given in the public notice.

Ground Water Rule

Section 64430. of Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR) states in relevant part:

§64430. Requirements.

A public water system that uses ground water shall comply with the following provisions of 40 Code of Federal Regulations as they appear in the Ground Water Rule published in 71 Federal Register 65574 (November 8, 2006) and amended in 71 Federal Register 67427 (November 21, 2006) and 74 Federal Register 30953 (June 29, 2009), which are hereby incorporated by reference: Sections 141.21(d)(3), 141.28(a), 141.153(h)(6), Appendix A to Subpart O (Consumer Confidence Reports), 141.202(a)(8), 141.203(a)(4), Appendices A and B to Subpart Q (Public Notification), and 141.400 through 141.405, except that in:

(a) sections 141.402(a)(1)(ii), (a)(2), (a)(2)(ii), (a)(4), (a)(4)(ii)(A), (a)(5)(i), and (a)(5)(ii), the phrase —§141.21(a)‖ is replaced by —22 California Code of Regulations sections 64422 and 64423‖,
(b) sections 141.402(a)(1)(ii) and 141.405(b)(4), the phrase —§141.21(c)‖ is replaced by —22 California Code of Regulations section 64425‖, and
(c) section 141.402(a)(2)(iii), the phrase —§141.21(b)‖ is replaced by —22 California Code of Regulations section 64424‖.

[Note: The text reflecting this section is provided in Addendum A of this book.]

Addendum A

§141.402. Ground water source microbial monitoring and analytical methods.

(a) *Triggered source water monitoring* —
(1) *General requirements.* A ground water system must conduct triggered source water monitoring if the conditions identified in paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) of this section exist.
(i) The system does not provide at least 4-log treatment of viruses (using inactivation, removal, or a State-approved combination of 4-log virus inactivation and removal) before or at the first customer for each ground water source; and
(ii) The system is notified that a sample collected under 22 California Code of Regulations sections 64422 and 64423 is total coliform-positive and the sample is not invalidated under 22 California Code of Regulations section 64425.
(2) *Sampling requirements.* A ground water system must collect, within 24 hours of notification of the total coliform-positive sample, at least one ground water source sample from each ground water source in use at the time the total coliform-positive sample was collected under 22 California Code of Regulations sections 64422 and 64423, except as provided in paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of this section.

(i) The State may extend the 24-hour time limit on a case-by-case basis if the system cannot collect the ground water source water sample within 24 hours due to circumstances beyond its control. In the case of an extension, the State must specify how much time the system has to collect the sample.
(ii) If approved by the State, systems with more than one ground water source may meet the requirements of this paragraph (a)(2) by sampling a representative ground water source or sources. If directed by the State, systems must submit for State approval a triggered source water monitoring plan that identifies one or more ground water sources that are representative of each monitoring site in the system's sample siting plan under 22 California Code of Regulations sections 64422 and 64423 and that the system intends to use for representative sampling under this paragraph.
(iii) A ground water system serving 1,000 people or fewer may use a repeat sample collected from a ground water source to meet both the requirements of 22 California Code of Regulations section 64424 and to satisfy the monitoring requirements of paragraph (a)(2) of this section for that ground water source only if the State approves the use of *E. coli* as a fecal indicator for source water monitoring under this paragraph (a). If the repeat sample collected from the ground water source is *E.coli* positive, the system must comply with paragraph (a)(3) of this section.

(3) *Additional requirements.* If the State does not require corrective action under §141.403(a)(2) for a fecal indicator-positive source water sample collected under paragraph (a)(2) of this section that is not invalidated under paragraph (d) of this section, the system must collect five additional source water samples from the same source within 24 hours of being notified of the fecal indicator-positive sample.

(4) *Consecutive and wholesale systems —*
(i) In addition to the other requirements of this paragraph (a), a consecutive ground water system that has a total coliform-positive sample collected under 22 California Code of Regulations sections 64422 and 64423 must notify the wholesale system(s) within 24 hours of being notified of the total coliform-positive sample.
(ii) In addition to the other requirements of this paragraph (a), a wholesale ground water system must comply with paragraphs (a)(4)(ii)(A) and (a)(4)(ii)(B) of this section.

(A) A wholesale ground water system that receives notice from a consecutive system it serves that a sample collected under 22 California Code of Regulations sections 64422 and 64423 is total coliform-positive must, within 24 hours of being notified, collect a sample from its ground water source(s) under paragraph (a)(2) of this section and analyze it for a fecal indicator under paragraph (c) of this section.

(B) If the sample collected under paragraph (a)(4)(ii)(A) of this section is fecal indicator-positive, the wholesale ground water system must notify all consecutive systems served by that ground water source of the fecal indicator source water positive within 24 hours of being notified of the ground water source sample monitoring result and must meet the requirements of paragraph (a)(3) of this section.

(5) *Exceptions to the triggered source water monitoring requirements.* A ground water system is not required to comply with the source water monitoring requirements of paragraph (a) of this section if either of the following conditions exists:

(i) The State determines, and documents in writing, that the total coliform-positive sample collected under 22 California Code of Regulations sections 64422 and 64423 is caused by a distribution system deficiency; or
(ii) The total coliform-positive sample collected under 22 California Code of Regulations sections 64422 and 64423 is collected at a location that meets State criteria for distribution system conditions that will cause total coliform-positive samples.

Bacteriological Distribution Monitoring Report

5403154 Willitts Equipment Co.

Distribution System Freq: 1/M

Sample Date	*Location*	*T Coli*	*E Coli*	*F Coli*	*HPC*	*Type*	*Cl2*	*Cl2 Avg*	*Viol. Type*	*GWR Satisfied?*	*Comments*
8/16/2016	Office Kitchen Sink	A	A			Routine					
8/16/2016	Office RR Sink	A	A			Routine					
8/16/2016	Fountain in the Shop	A	A			Routine					
8/16/2016	Sink in the Shop	A	A			Routine					
8/16/2016	Sink #2 in the Shop	A	A			Routine					
7/21/2016	Well	<1	<1			Source Repeat					
7/21/2016	Fountain in Shop	1.0	<1			Routine					
7/21/2016	Sink in Office - Kitchen	1.0	<1			Repeat					
7/21/2016	Sink in Office - Restroom	<1	<1			Repeat					
7/19/2016	Fountain in Shop	P	A			Routine			MCL		Citation 03-24-16C-024; Level 1 Assessment

Violation Key

MCL	Exceeds the maximum contaminant level	MR5	Incorrect number of repeat samples as follow-up to a positive sample
MR1	No monthly sample for the report month	MR6	No source sample
MR2	No quarterly sample for the report month	MR7	No summary report submitted
MR3	Incorrect number of routine samples for the report month	MR8	Other comments and/or info
MR4	Did not collect 5 routine samples for previous month's positive sample	MR9	Cl2 not reported

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

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

Willitts Equipment Company, Inc. Had Levels of Coliform Bacteria Above the Drinking Water Standard

Our water system recently failed a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened and what we did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. We took five samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria in July 2016. Three of these samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than 1 sample per month may show the presence of coliform bacteria.

What should I do?

- **You <u>do not</u> need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.**
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. C*oliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other; potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*
- Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing.**
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What is being done?

[Describe corrective action.]_____

_____

We anticipate resolving the problem within _____[estimated time frame].

For more information, please contact _____ at (_____) _____-_____ or at the following 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 public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Secondary Notification Requirements

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- SCHOOLS: Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS: Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

This notice is being sent to you by Willitts Equipment Company, Inc.
Date distributed: _____.

PROOF OF NOTIFICATION

(Return with copy of the Notice)

As required by Section 116450 of the California Health and Safety Code, I notified all users of water supplied by the **Willitts Equipment Company, Inc.** of the failure to meet the **total coliform bacteria MCL** for the month of **July 2016** as directed by the Division. At least one primary distribution method is required: mail, hand-delivery or posting in conspicuous locations. A second method is also required in order to reach persons not likely to be reached by a mailing, direct delivery or posting:

Notification was made on _____.
(date)

To summarize report delivery used and good-faith efforts taken, please check all items below that apply and fill-in where appropriate:

☐ The notice was distributed by mail delivery to each customer served by the water system.

☐ The notice was distributed by direct delivery to each customer served by the water system. Specify direct delivery method(s) used: _____

☐ Publication of the notice in a local newspaper or newsletter of general circulation (attach a copy of the published notice, including name of newspaper and date published).

☐ Posted the notice at the following conspicuous locations served by the water system (if needed, please attach a list of locations). _____

☐ Email message to employees or students._____

☐ Other method used to notify customers. _____

DISCLOSURE: Be advised that Section 116725 and 116730 of the California Health and Safety Code state 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 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 the county jail not to exceed one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.

Certified by Name and Title: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Due to the Division of Drinking Water within 10 days of notification to the public
Total Coliform MCL Failure / Enforcement Action No.: 03-24-16C-024

Attachment D

REVISED TOTAL COLIFORM RULE (RTCR) – LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT
Simple Systems with a Well and Storage/Pressure Tank and No Treatment

CALIFORNIA Water Boards
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARDS

This form is intended to assist public water systems in completing the investigation required by the federal revised Total Coliform Rule (rTCR) [effective April 1, 2016] and may be modified to take into account conditions unique to the water system. **To avoid a violation, an assessment report must be completed and returned to your local regulatory agency no later than 30 days after the trigger date.**

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Entity Name: PWSID NUMBER: System Type:	Name	System Address & Email	Telephone Number
Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC)			
Person that collected TC samples if different than ORC			
System Owner			
Certified Laboratory for Microbiological Analyses			
Date Investigation Completed:			
Month(s) of Coliform Treatment Technique Trigger:			

INVESTIGATION DETAILS

SOURCE	WELL (name)	WELL (name)	WELL (name)	WELL (name)	COMMENTS (attach additional pages if needed)
1. Inspect each well head for physical defects and report					
a. Is raw water sample tap upstream from point of disinfection?					
b. Is wellhead vent pipe screened?					
c. Is wellhead seal watertight?					
d. Is well head located in pit or is any piping from the wellhead submerged?					
e. Does the ground surface slope towards well head?					
f. Is there evidence of standing water near the wellhead?					
g. Are there any connections to the raw water piping that could be cross connections? (describe all connections in comments)					
h. Is the wellhead secured to prevent unauthorized access?					
i. How often do you take a raw water total coliform (TC) test?					
j. Provide the date and result of the last TC test at this location					

STORAGE	TANK (name)	TANK (name)	TANK (name)	TANK (name)	COMMENTS
1. Is each tank locked to prevent unauthorized access?					
2. Are all vents of each tank screened down-turned to prevent dust and dirt from entering the tank?					
3. Is the overflow on each tank screened?					
4. Are there any unsealed openings in the tank such as access doors, water level indicators hatches, etc.?					

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STORAGE	TANK (name)	TANK (name)	TANK (name)	TANK (name)	COMMENTS
5. Is the roof/cover of the tank sealed and free of any leaks?					
6. Is the tank above ground or buried?					
a. If buried or partially buried, are there provisions to direct surface water away from the site.					
b. Has the interior of the tank been inspected to identify any sanitary defects, such as root intrusion?					
7. Does the tank "float" on the distribution system or are there separate inlet and outlet lines?					
8. What is the **measured** chlorine residual (total/free) of the water exiting the storage tank **today**?					
9. What is the volume of the storage tank in gallons?					
10. Is the tank baffled?					
11. Prior to the TC+ or EC+, what was the previous date item #1-6 were checked and documented?					

PRESSURE TANK	TANK (name)	TANK (name)	TANK (name)	TANK (name)	COMMENTS
1. What is the volume of the pressure tank?					
2. What is the age of the pressure tank?					
3. Is the pressure tank bladder type or air compressor type?					
4. Did the pressure tank(s) deviate from normal operating pressure?					
5. Is the compressor pump running more often than normal?					
6. Is the tank bladder broken and the tank water logged?					
7. Is the tank(s) damaged, rusty, leaking, or has holes?					
8. Was there any recent work performed?					
9. Is the air relief vent (if there is one) on the pressure tank screened and facing downwards?					
10. Can the inside of the pressure tank be visually inspected thru an inspection port? If so, when was the last time it was inspected?					

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	SYSTEM RESPONSES
1. What is the minimum pressure you are maintaining in the distribution system?	
2. Did pressure in the distribution system drop to less than 5 psi prior to experiencing the total coliform positive finding?	
3. Has the distribution system been worked on within the last week? (service taps, hydrant flushing, main breaks, main extensions, etc.) If yes, provide details.	

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DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	SYSTEM RESPONSES
4. Are there any signs of excavations near your distribution system not under the direct control of your maintenance staff?	
5. Did you inspect your distribution system to check for mainline leaks? Do you or did you have a mainline leak?	
6. If there was a mainline leak, when was it repaired?	
7. On what date was the distribution system last flushed?	
8. Is there a written flushing procedure you can provide for our review?	
9 Do you have an active cross connection control program?	
10. What is name and phone number of your Cross-Connection Control Program Coordinator?	
11. Have all backflow prevention devices in the distribution system been tested annually and repaired/replaced if they did not pass and retested afterwards?	
12. On what date was the last physical survey of the system done to identify cross-connections?	

SAMPLE SITE EVALUATION (Complete for all TC+ or EC+ findings)	Routine Site TC+ or EC+	Upstream Site	Downstream Site	4th Repeat Sample (specify)
1. What is the height of the sample tap above grade? (inches)				
2. Is the sample tap located in an exterior location or is it protected by an enclosure?				
3. Is the sample tap threaded, have a swing arm (kitchen sink) or aerator (sinks)?				
4. Is the sample tap in good condition, free of leaks around the stem or packing?				
5. Can the sample tap be adjusted to the point where a good laminar flow can be achieved without excessive splash?				
6. Is the sample tap and area around the sample tap clean and dry (free of animal droppings. other contaminants or spray irrigation systems)				
7 Is the area around the sample tap free of excessive vegetation or other impediments to sample collection?				
8. Describe how the tap was treated in preparation for sample collection (ran water, swabbed with disinfectant, flamed, etc.)				
9. Is this sample tap designated on the bacteriological sample siting plan (BSSP) as a routine or repeat site?				
10. Were the samples delivered to the laboratory in a cooler and within the allowable holding time?				
11. What were the weather conditions at the time of the positive sample (rainy, windy, sunny)?				

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GENERAL OPERATIONS:	Response
1. Has the sampler(s) who collected the samples received training on proper sampling techniques? If yes, please indicate date of last training.	
2. Does the water system have a written sampling procedure and was it followed?	
3. Where there any power outages that affected water system facilities during the 30 days prior to the TC+ or EC + findings?	
4. Were there any main breaks, water outages, or low pressure reported in the service area from which TC+ or EC+ samples were collected?	
5. Does the system have backup power or elevated storage?	
6. During or soon after bacteriological quality problems, did you receive any complaints of any customers' illness suspected of being waterborne? How many?	
7. What were the symptoms of illness if you received complaints about customers being sick?	

SUMMARY: Based on the results of your assessment and any other available information, what deficiencies do you believe to have caused the positive total coliform sample(s) within your distribution system? *(DO NOT LEAVE BLANK)*

Deficiency #	Deficiency Description
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: What actions have you taken to correct the above mentioned deficiencies? If additional time is needed to correct a deficiency, indicate the date that it will be corrected. *(DO NOT LEAVE BLANK)*

Deficiency #	Corrective Action	Completion/Proposed Date
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

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CERTIFICATION: I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

NAME:_____ **TITLE:**_____ **DATE:** _____

Upon review of the Level 1 Assessment Form, the local regulatory agency may require submittal of the following additional information:

- Sketch of system showing all sources, all treatment and chlorination locations, storage tanks, microbiological sampling sites and general layout of the distribution system including the location of all hazardous connections such as the wastewater treatment facility.
- A set of photographs of the source, pressure tanks, and storage tanks in the system may be submitted if they would show that the contamination is directly related and changes have been made since the last inspection by the local regulatory agency.
- Name, certification level and certificate number of the Operator in Responsible Charge.
- Copy of the last cross connection survey performed that identifies the location of all unprotected cross connections.