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October 8, 2026

Jacques Roy, Mayor
City of Alexandria
P.O. Box 71
Alexandria, LA 71309

Re: **Notice of Violations**
LAC Title 51, Part XII, Section 319.D.14, and 337.A & C
City of Alexandria Water System
PWS ID: LA1079001
Rapides Parish

Dear Mayor Roy:

During the sanitary survey inspection on October 7 and 8, 2026 at the above referenced public water system, Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) personnel inspected the water system's storage tanks using an unmanned aerial vehicle. Deficiencies were noted that increase the potential for contamination of the drinking water supply. The deficiencies, immediate actions required, and corrective actions to be taken were discussed with the following individuals present at the site visit.

**Parties Present**

| Name | Organization |
|---|---|
| James Monroe | Bureau of Engineering Services |
| Rachael Bruce | Bureau of Engineering Services |
| Daniel Langston | City of Alexandria Water System |

By this notice, LDH calls to your immediate attention the following deficiencies of the Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) Title 51 Part XII observed during the inspection of your system's facilities and records. Under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requirements, including the SDWA's Ground Water Rule (GWR), significant deficiencies are defined to include a defect in design, operation, or maintenance, or a failure or malfunction of the sources, treatment, storage or distribution system that LDH determines to be causing, or have potential for causing, the introduction of contamination into the water delivered to consumers.

## NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS

1. **LAC 51:XII.319.D.14 and 337.C -** *Any vent, overflow, or water level control gauge provided on tanks or other structures containing water for any potable water supply shall be constructed so as to prevent the entrance of birds, insects, dust or other contaminating material. Openings or vents shall face downward and shall be not less than 2 feet above the floor of a pump room, the roof or cover of a tank, the ground surface or the surface of other water supply structures.*

2. **LAC 51:XII §337.A** – *All finished water storage tanks shall be tightly covered and of watertight construction and made of concrete, steel or other materials approved for this purpose by the state health officer. When located wholly or partly below ground, such storage basins shall be of corrosion resistant materials.*

   **Observation**
   Elevated Tank @ Industrial Park had a damaged sensor on the top of the tank which provided a direct pathway for contamination to enter the finished water storage tank. (See Attachment No. 1).

   **Corrective Action**
   Repair/seal the opening at the sensor on the top of the elevated storage tank.

Daniel Langston, Operator for City of Alexandria Water System, confirmed the Elevated Tank @ Industrial Park can be isolated, and it was removed from service immediately. When repairs are complete, the water system must collect investigative bacteriological samples from the elevated storage tank. The tank cannot be returned to service until the investigative bacteriological sample is negative for total coliform and in compliance with the State minimum disinfection residual of equal to or greater than 0.5 mg/L total chlorine.

The deficiencies listed above must be corrected and a written response submitted to the department **within 30 days of the receipt of this letter**. The response must summarize what actions you have taken to correct these items, and include the date corrective action was completed and all required documentation to support those actions. This response must be submitted via email to D4Safe.Water@LA.GOV.

If additional time is required to correct these deficiencies, then the written response must also contain an extension request including specific dates when the deficiencies will be corrected, a detailed justification for the extension, and corrective action to be performed. Interim corrective actions shall be performed as necessary to prevent health hazards and nuisances.

*Failure to timely correct this violation may result in further enforcement actions including, but not limited to, issuance of an Administrative Order. Failure to comply with the terms of an Administrative Order may lead to penalties of up to $3,000 per day for each day of violation and for each act of violation in accordance with LAC Title 51, Part XII, Section 505 or any other remedies as allowed by law.*

Your cooperation and prompt response is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please contact me at318-484-2163 or by email at James.Monroe@la.gov

Respectfully,

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Bureau of Engineering Services – Region 6

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Bureau of Engineering Services Enforcement Unit
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## Attachments

### Attachment No. 1 – Damaged Sensor on Elevated Tank @ Industrial Park

