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October 14, 2024

Jacques Roy, Mayor
City of Alexandria
Po Box 71
Alexandria, LA 71309

Re: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION**
City of Alexandria Water System (PWS ID: LA1079001)
LAC Title 51, Part XII, Section 337.A
Elevated Storage Tank on Willow Glen River Rd, Alexandria, Louisiana

Dear Mayor Roy:

The Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Public Health (LDH-OPH) finds that you are an owner, operator, or responsible party for a public water system, City of Alexandria Water System (System), and are therefore subject to the requirements of Part XII (Water Supplies) of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code (LAC 51:XII). This letter is to notify you that the system is in violation of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code for failure to comply with provisions of Part XII as noted below.

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

1. **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..*

   During the recent Sanitary Survey of the Alexandria Water System, an inspection of the system's finished water Elevated Storage Tank, located Willow Glen River Rd, was conducted by LDH on October 2, 2024 with an unmanned aerial vehicle. The inspection revealed 2 holes in the top of the tank that provided for a direct pathway for contamination to enter the finished water storage tank. (See Attachment No. 1) The operators promptly isolated the tank and arranged for sampling to be conducted to verify no bacteriological contamination.

REQUIRED CORRECTIVE ACTION

Within 90 days of receipt of this letter, the system shall cap/plug the holes, and pull an investigative sample on the elevated tank to ensure water is of sound sanitary quality before returning tank to service. Interruption of service to customers should be minimized. Failure to do so can impact the quality and/or quantity of produced water.

Upon completion of corrective action, provide a written report to this Office stating the actions taken to resolve the violation(s). This information must be submitted by email to James.Monroe@la.gov or by mail to:

LDH-OPH Engineering Services
Attn: James Monroe, P.E.
5604-B Coliseum Boulevard
Alexandria, Louisiana 71303.

A follow up inspection will be conducted within 5 days of the completion of corrective action, or expiration of the timeframe for corrective action to be completed.

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

If this Office can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 318-484-2163 or by email at james.monroe@la.gov

Sincerely,

James Monroe, P.E.
Region 6 – Alexandria
LDH/OPH Engineering Services

Ec: Barbara Featherston, P.E., LDH/OPH Engineering Services
LDH/OPH Enforcement Unit

Attachments

Attachment No. 1 – Level indicator pipe broken

