

December 22, 2022

The Honorable Keisha Currin, Mayor  
Tulahassee Water  
675 Lincoln  
Tulahassee, OK 74454

**Re: Consent Order, Case No. 21-069  
PWSID No. OK3007338  
Problems: DBPR MCL and/or Treatment Technique Violation**

On August 05, 2021, Department of Environmental Quality (“DEQ”) and your system agreed to the Consent Order referenced above.

The Consent Order requires your system to provide public notice to the water system customers when there are Disinfectants/ Disinfection Byproducts Rule (DBPR) Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) and/or Treatment Technique (TT) violation(s).

A review of DEQ records indicates that your system has the following violation(s) for the Second Quarter 2022 and Third Quarter 2022.

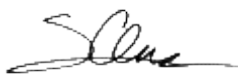
| <u>Violation Type</u> | <u>Monitoring Location</u>                   | <u>RAA</u>         |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------|
| HAA5 MCL              | TTHM_01-675 LINCOLN ST TULLAHASSEE, OK 74454 | 0.068 MG/L         |
| TTHM MCL              | TTHM_01-675 LINCOLN ST TULLAHASSEE, OK 74454 | 0.097 & 0.091 MG/L |

Within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter, your system shall provide public notice of the identified violation(s). Within ten (10) days of delivering public notice, your system must send to DEQ a copy of the Public Notice and the enclosed certification that public notice was provided to all users.

Your system must continue to comply with the requirements set forth in the Consent Order. Failure to comply could subject your system to further enforcement that may include the assessment of Stipulated Penalties as set forth in the Consent Order.

If you have questions regarding the public notice, please contact Summer Chrismon at 405-702-8167.

Sincerely,



Summer Chrismon, Compliance Coordinator  
PWS Compliance Tracking  
Water Quality Division

Enclosures: --Public Notice Certification form  
--Public Notice template  
--Tier 2 Public Notice Instructions

## Instructions for Tier 2 Public Notice

**WHEN NOTICE MUST BE PROVIDED** -Public water systems must provide the public notice as soon as practical, but no later than 30 days after the system learns of the violation. If the public notice is posted, the notice must remain in place for as long as the violation or situation persists, but in no case for less than seven days, even if the violation or situation is resolved.

**CONTENT of the PUBLIC NOTICE** - The following page entitled "Important Information about your Drinking Water" is a public notice template for your use. You may wish to modify it before using for radio or TV notice. If you do, you must include all required elements and leave the italicized health effects language unchanged. If you post or hand deliver, print your notice on letterhead, if available. Respond to all questions on the attach template and provide accurate contact information including name, address and phone number.

Public notice for community water systems must, at a minimum, meet the following requirements:

- Mail, or other direct delivery, to each customer receiving a bill and to other service connections to which water is delivered by the public water system (for example: purchase systems); and
- Any other method reasonably calculated to reach other persons regularly served by the system. Other methods may include, but are not limited to, newspaper, radio, hand distribution, posting in public places, internet, or using community organizations.

**SUBMIT DOCUMENTS TO DEQ** - Submit to DEQ within 10 days of completing the public notification a representative copy of each type of notice made available to persons served by the system and the media. Include a certification that you have fully complied with the public notice requirements.

**NOTICE TO NEW CUSTOMERS:** Community water systems must give a copy of the most recent public notice for any continuing violation to all new billing units or new customers prior to or at the time service begins.

If you have any questions, please call Summer Chrismon at 405-702-8167 before sending the Public Notice to your customers.

### Certification of Public Notice

**PWSID#:** OK3007338      **Public Water Supply Name:** Tullahassee Water  
**Monitoring period:** Second & Third Quarter 2022      **COUNTY:** WAGONER  
**Violation Type:** TTHM/ HAA5 MCL or TOC TT

Mailed as a separate notice or included in a bill on December 23, 2022 date(s)

**AND**

Notice distributed by other method reasonably calculated to reach consumers on December 29, 2022 date(s)

List methods(s) (see examples above) Included on water bill mailed 12-23-22/ Notice placed on the towns website 12-23-22

The public water system listed above hereby affirms that public notice has been properly provided to persons served by the water system in the form, manner, and frequency required by law.

Signature: Keisha Currin

Date: 12-23-2022

Submit this certification form within 10 days of distributing public notice and include a copy of each type of public notice to DEQ by mail, fax, or email:

Mail: PWS Compliance, DEQ WQD,  
P.O. Box 1677 OKC, OK 73101-1677

Email to: [drinkingwater@deq.ok.gov](mailto:drinkingwater@deq.ok.gov)  
Subject line: Public Notice

Fax: 405-702-8101  
Attn: PWS Compliance

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Our water system recently violated drinking water standards. Although this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

### Tallahassee Water Has Levels of Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) Above Drinking Water Standards

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received for the indicated time period(s) show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for total trihalomethanes (TTHM). The standard or MCL for TTHM is 0.080 mg/L. It is determined by averaging all the samples collected at each sampling location for the past 12 months. The level of total trihalomethanes averaged at our system's locations was the following:

| <u>Twelve-month time period</u>     | <u>Locational Running Annual Average with Sample Location</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| October 2021 through September 2022 | 0.097 MG/L - 675 LINCOLN ST TULLAHASSEE, OK 74454             |
| July 2021 through June 2022         | 0.091 MG/L -675 LINCOLN ST TULLAHASSEE, OK 74454              |
| April 2021 through March 2022       | 0.086 MG/L -675 LINCOLN ST TULLAHASSEE, OK 74454              |
| January 2021 through December 2021  | 0.086 MG/L -675 LINCOLN ST TULLAHASSEE, OK 74454              |
| July 2020 through June 2021         | 0.086 MG/L -675 LINCOLN ST TULLAHASSEE, OK 74454              |
| April 2020 through March 2021       | 0.091 MG/L -675 LINCOLN ST TULLAHASSEE, OK 74454              |
| January 2020 through December 2020  | 0.096 MG/L -675 LINCOLN ST TULLAHASSEE, OK 74454              |

What should I do? There is nothing you need to do unless you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant or are elderly. These people may be at increased risk and should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

What does this mean? This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

### Tallahassee Water Has Levels of Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) Above Drinking Water Standards

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received for the indicated time period(s) show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for haloacetic acids (HAA5). The standard or MCL for HAA5 is 0.060 mg/L. It is determined by averaging all the samples collected at each sampling location for the past 12 months. The level of haloacetic acids averaged at our system's locations was the following:

| <u>Twelve-month time period</u>    | <u>Locational Running Annual Average with Sample Location</u> |
|------------------------------------|---|
| July 2021 through June 2022        | 0.068 MG/L - 675 LINCOLN ST TULLAHASSEE, OK 74454             |
| April 2021 through March 2022      | 0.077 MG/L -675 LINCOLN ST TULLAHASSEE, OK 74454              |
| January 2021 through December 2021 | 0.079 MG/L -675 LINCOLN ST TULLAHASSEE, OK 74454              |

What should I do? There is nothing you need to do unless you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant or are elderly. These people may be at increased risk and should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

What does this mean? This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer

**CORRECTIVE ACTION:** What happened? What is being done? When will the violation be resolved?

Tallahassee PWA has been working with our water supplier. Porter Water Works purchases water for our system from Muskogee, OK. Unfortunately, there is not a water treatment plant for Tallahassee PWA. Therefore, we will stay in contact with our supplier  
For further information contact: 918-483-0789

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 notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by Tallahassee Water

PWS Number OK3007338

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Date distributed: 12-23-22