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NOTICE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION

SUBJECT: Louisa County
Waterworks: SESMAU Jerdone
Island
PWSID No: 2109265

July 17, 2025

SESMAU Jerdone Island
Attn: Mackenzie Lynn
77 West Lee Street, Suite 202
Warrenton, VA 20187

Re: Failure to Monitor for Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs)

Dear Ms. Lynn,

This notice is to advise that you appear to be operating a waterworks in violation of the Public Water Supplies Law, Title 32.1, Chapter 6, Article 2 of the Code of Virginia, and Section 12VAC5-590-373 A of the *Virginia Waterworks Regulations* (“Regulations”) for failing to complete the required monitoring for Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs) during the 2nd Quarter of 2025. The Regulations characterize this alleged violation as a Tier 3 violation.

Section 12VAC5-590-373 A states, “The owner of a community waterworks or a [nontransient noncommunity waterworks] shall conduct monitoring to determine compliance with [Primary Maximum Contaminant Levels] listed in Table 340.2 in accordance with this section. Where two or more sources are combined before distribution, the owner shall sample at the entry point for the combined sources during periods of normal operation conditions.”

The Regulations require waterworks with a new source(s) to complete four consecutive calendar quarters of Volatile Organic Chemical (VOC) monitoring. Our records indicate that there was a failure to collect the required sample(s) at Entry Point 1 (EP001)

Required Actions

In accordance with Section 12VAC5-590-540 of the Regulations, you are required to issue a Tier 3 public notice (“Notice”) to the consumers in the area served by the waterworks in accordance with the public notification requirements described below:

Public Notice: The Notice requires you to notify consumers in the area served **within 12 months** of learning of the violation. This Notice must be handled as follows:

- You must distribute the Notice no later than **July 17, 2026**.
- The Notice must be mailed or directly delivered to each customer receiving a bill, and to other service connections served by your waterworks.
- If your waterworks serves consumers who do not pay water bills, or who do not have service connection addresses (apartment dwellers, university students, or nursing home patients, for example), you must also use other delivery methods to provide the Notice to these consumers as well. Examples of other methods include, but are not limited to, publication in local newspapers, delivery of multiple copies to apartment buildings, or posting the Notice in public places served by the waterworks.
- You may choose to include the Notice as an enclosure with or as an integral part of your Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for 2025 water quality data. To do so, the combined CCR and public Notice must be distributed to consumers by **July 1, 2026** AND you must take steps to ensure that the CCR and public Notice reach all persons served by the waterworks. This requirement is more stringent than the “good faith effort” requirements for distributing the CCR alone.
- Until the violation is resolved, you must give a copy of the Notice to all new billing units or new customers, before or at the time service begins.
- You must repeat distribution of the Notice annually for as long as the violation persists.

Draft Notice: Attached is a draft Notice for you to distribute as directed above. You may use this Notice as is, or modify it to better meet your situation, as long as the information is accurate and it contains all of the required elements and mandated language. If you decide to change the Notice, we suggest that you contact this Office to verify that your proposed changes meet the requirements of the Regulations. Please insert the name, address, and phone number of a waterworks representative in the spaces provided on the draft Notice.

Public Notice Confirmation: Within ten (10) days of completing the public notification, but no later than **July 27, 2026** you must provide this Office with a copy of the Notice that you distributed, along with a signed certification that the distribution was completed in the required time and manner. Failure to distribute the Notice and submit a signed certification form to this Office may be a further violation of the Regulations. A certification form is enclosed for your use.

Follow-Up Actions: Collect a Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOC) sample during the 3rd Quarter of 2025 (July-September 2025). Results are required to be submitted by the 10th day of the month, following the compliance period.

Requesting an Administrative Proceeding: If you disagree with the allegations in this notice or wish to obtain a determination as to whether a violation has occurred, you may request an informal

conference in accordance with Va. Code § 2.2-4019 and 12VAC5-590-115 of the Regulations. To request an informal conference, please contact the ODW Director of Compliance, Enforcement and Policy by telephone or email at 804-629-0989 or Grant.Kronenberg@vdh.virginia.gov.

Enforcement Authority: Failure to take all the necessary corrective actions in a timely manner to voluntarily return your waterworks to compliance may result in enforcement action. Enforcement actions include permit revocation, administrative orders, and civil or criminal proceedings, and civil charges or penalties of up to \$5,000 per day for each violation. Va. Code §§ 32.1-26, 32.1-27, 32.1-175.01 and 32.1-176.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact me at (804)910-6111 or email at lydia.belser@vdh.virginia.gov.

 Sincerely,

Lydia Belser- Environmental Specialist, Sr.
Richmond Field Office

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Enclosures:

1. Draft Tier 3 Public Notice
2. Certification Form

ec: Louisa County Health Department-attn: Environmental Health Manager
Christian Goodwin- County Administrator Louisa County
David Gonce, Operator dgonce@yahoo.com

**NOTICE TO CONSUMERS
of the SESMAU JERDONE ISLAND WATERWORKS**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Failure to Monitor for Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs)

Our water system violated drinking water requirements over the past year. Although this situation does not require that you take immediate action, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did (are doing) to correct this situation.

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 our drinking water meets health standards. During the 2nd Quarter of 2025, we did not monitor or test for volatile organic chemicals (VOCs) and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time. You may continue to drink the water. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.

The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for during the last year, how often we are supposed to sample for Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs), how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were (or will be) taken.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When samples should have been taken	When samples were last taken
VOCs	1 sample every quarter	0	April-June 2025	March 19, 2025

What is being done?

We will collect and analyze a sample monitoring for Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs) in the 3rd quarter of 2025 (July-September).

For more information, please contact Mackenzie Lynn at 703-570-6960 or 77 West Lee Street, Suite 202, Warrenton, VA 20187.

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 SESMAU State Water System ID#: 2109265.

Date distributed: _____.

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Waterworks:SESMAU Jerdone Island
PWSID No: 2109265

VIOLATION: Failure to Monitor for Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs) – Q2 2025

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION CERTIFICATION REPORT FORM
(Community Waterworks)

By direct (hand) delivery on _____ *(date)* at _____ a.m./p.m.

Posted on _____ *(date)* at _____ a.m./p.m.

At the following locations _____

Provided to the following broadcast media *(list: television/radio/website/social media)* on

_____ *(date)* at _____ a.m./p.m.

_____ *(date)* at _____ a.m./p.m.

_____ *(date)* at _____ a.m./p.m.

Other approved method _____ *(method and date)*

New billing customers will be notified of any ongoing violation for which notice has previously been issued.

I hereby certify that the attached public notice was distributed as indicated above and that the notice meets all content requirements.

_____ (Printed Name)

_____ (Signature)

RETURN FORM WITH COPY OF NOTICE TO: ODWFieldOffice4@vdh.virginia.gov