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OFFICIAL ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION- NO HARD COPY TO FOLLOW NOTICE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION

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

February 4, 2026

Mackenzie Lynn
77 West Lee Street
Suite 202
Warrenton, VA 20187

Re: Failure to Monitor Source Water for Bacteriological Analysis at WL001 & WL001A

Dear Ms. Lynn,

This letter 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 12VAC5-590-379 C of the Virginia *Waterworks Regulations* (“Regulations”) for failing to collect source water samples for bacteriological analysis.

Section 12VAC5-590-379 C states, in part, “1. The owner of a groundwater source utilizing chlorine disinfection or any other treatment or chemical addition that may alter or affect the bacteriological quality of the source water shall collect source water samples for bacteriological analysis....”

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) classifies this alleged violation as Tier 3 in accordance with Section 12VAC5-590-540 A 3 a of the Regulations.

One (1) Most Probably Number (MPN) sample was required to be collected at each well during the 2025 annual monitoring period and none were collected.

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 **February 4, 2027**.
- 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.
- Maintain a posted public notice in place for as long as the violation, exceedance, variance, exemption, or other situation persists, but in no case less than seven days even if the violation, exceedance, or situation is resolved.
- 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 **February 14, 2027**, 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 the required source water samples, analyze them for Most Probable

Number (MPN) total coliform and *E. coli* and report the results to VDH ODW.

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, Envi Spec Sr.
Richmond Field Office

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Enclosures:

1. Draft Tier 3 Public Notice
2. Certification Form

ec: Jack McClelland, EH Manager Blue Ridge District (john.mcclelland@vdh.virginia.gov)
Christian Goodwin, Louisa County Administrator (cgoodwin@louisa.org)

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER SESMAU Jerdone Island Waterworks, PWSID No. 2109265

Failure to Monitor Source Water for Bacteriological Analysis

Our water system recently failed to comply with the requirement to collect samples from our source water for bacteriological analysis. 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 are doing to correct this situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of source water monitoring are an indicator of whether or not we are providing an appropriate level of treatment. During 2025 we did not collect the required samples, and therefore we cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Human pathogens in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a greater health risk for infants, young children, the elderly, and people with severely-compromised immune systems.

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.

What is being done?

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 Jerdone Island. State Water System ID#: 2109265
Date distributed: _____

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Waterworks: SESMAU Jerdone
Island
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VIOLATION: Failure to Monitor Source Water for Bacteriological Analysis – Jan-Dec 2025

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION CERTIFICATION REPORT FORM
(Community/Noncommunity Waterworks)

Use at least one of the primary delivery methods:

1. By Mail delivery (community or noncommunity) on _____, or publication in the Consumer Confidence Report (community only) on _____.
2. By direct (hand) delivery on date . (community or noncommunity)

Noncommunity only:

3. Posted on _____.

At the following locations _____

For community systems, use one of the following in addition to the above:	For noncommunity systems, use a second method if not all persons served by the system are reached by the method above:
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- Publication in a local newspaper
- Delivery of multiple copies for distribution by customers that provide drinking water to others
- Posting in public places or on the internet
- Delivery to community organizations
- Other approved method: _____

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:

Richmond Field Office - ODWFieldOffice4@vdh.virginia.gov