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***Notification provided via E-mail***

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**RE: Notice of Violation – Failure to provide Public Notice**

Dear Chris Brice,

Our records indicate that the Peoples Water Co-op did not provide public notice to customers and/or did not return a Public Notice Certification Form to the New Mexico Environment Department-Drinking Water Bureau (NMED-DWB) for the Ground Water Rule (GWR) 30-day Notice of Violation (NOV) issued on October 4, 2022.

Pursuant to Section 20.7.10.100 NMAC [incorporating 40 CFR Section 141.204], the Peoples Water Co-op was required to notify customers of the violation by **mail or other direct delivery to each customer** and any other methods as necessary to inform the public, within one year from the date on the original NOV.

Pursuant to 20.7.10.100 NMAC [incorporating 40 CFR Section 141.31(d)], the Peoples Water Co-op was required to certify, within 10 days, that the public notice was published and specify the method of publication by submitting a completed copy of the Public Notification Certification Form.

The Peoples Water Co-op is still required to provide public notice for the NOV issued on October 4, 2022. Please complete the public notice requirements and return the Public Notice Certification Form to Aaron Beckworth by email at: [aaron.beckworth@env.nm.gov](mailto:aaron.beckworth@env.nm.gov)

NMED-DWB reserves the right to take additional enforcement action regarding the violations identified in this NOV, to include the issuance of an Administrative Compliance Order compelling compliance and issuing civil penalties.

Pursuant to the NMED Delegation Order dated March 24, 2023, the Cabinet Secretary has delegated the authority to issue Notice of Violations to DWB Bureau Chief Joe R. Martinez.

Please note that your public water system will appear on the Department's Enforcement Watch as a result of this NOV (see: <https://www.env.nm.gov/enforcement-watch/>). Further, the Department will issue a press release to local media highlighting your public water system as appearing on this webpage. Your public water system will remain on the Enforcement Watch website until this matter is fully resolved.

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If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact DWB Compliance Officer Aaron Beckworth at 505-372-8174 or by e-mail to: [aaron.beckworth@env.nm.gov](mailto:aaron.beckworth@env.nm.gov)

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe R. Martinez". The signature is stylized with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Joe R. Martinez, Bureau Chief  
Drinking Water Bureau  
Water Protection Division

Enclosures:     Public Notice Template  
                  Public Notice Certification Form

xc: Brandi Littleton, Southern Compliance Supervisor (electronic)  
      Aaron Beckworth, Compliance Officer (electronic)  
      Electronic Central File