



Notification provided via E-mail

March 14, 2024

Cynthia Landfair, crwc@pvtm.net
Cottonwood Water MDWCA, NM3555008
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Artesia, NM 88210

RE: Notice of Violation – Failure to provide Public Notice

Dear Cynthia Landfair:

Our records indicate that the Cottonwood Water MDWCA water system did not provide public notice to your customers and did not return the public notice certification form to New Mexico Environment Department-Drinking Water Bureau (NMED-DWB) for the Notice of Violation (NOV) issued on January 24, 2024. The original NOV was issued for failing to correct significant deficiencies.

Pursuant to Section 20.7.10.100 NMAC [incorporating 40 CFR Section §141.203], you were required to notify your customers of the violation by **mail or other direct delivery to each customer** and any other methods as necessary to inform the public, within 30 days from the date on the original NOV.

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

Because the public notice and public notice certification form were not provided to NMED-DWB, the Cottonwood Water MDWCA water system is in violation.

The Cottonwood Water MDWCA water system is still required to provide public notice and return the Public Notice Certification Form to NMED-DWB for the NOV issued on January 24, 2024. Please complete the public notice requirements and return the Public Notice and Public Notice Certification Form to Deborah Jones by email at deborah.jones@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 February 19, 2024, the Cabinet Secretary has delegated the authority to issue Notice of Violations to DWB Compliance Supervisor Brandi Littleton.

Please note that your facility 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 as an active matter until this matter is fully resolved.

If you or members of your staff have questions, please feel free to contact Deborah Jones at 505-795-2642 or by e-mail at deborah.jones@env.nm.gov

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Littleton".

Brandi Littleton, Compliance Supervisor
Drinking Water Bureau
Water Protection Division

cc: Deborah Jones, Compliance Officer (electronic)
Electronic Central File