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Fred Whistle Morningstar Water Supply System, NM3510524 PO Box 5520 Farmington, NM 87499

RE: Notice of Violation - Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts Rule

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) Maximum Contaminant Level

#### Dear Fred Whistle:

This letter serves as Notice of Violation that the Morningstar Water Supply System water system exceeded the Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA) maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) at TTHM-1 and HAA5-1 sample point ID's during the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarters 2014 and the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2015. The LRAA for the Morningstar Water Supply System water system at the TTHM-1 5 Road 3627 and HAA5-1 52 Road 3141 locations are shown in the table below:

Sample Location	Sample Date	Quarter & Year	TTHM LRAA
			(mg/L)
HAA5-1 52 Road 3141	No Samples Collected	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2014	.107
HAA5-1 52 Road 3141	No Samples Collected	4th Quarter 2014	.107
HAA5-1 52 Road 3141	No samples Collected	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2015	.140
TTHM-1 - 5 Road 3627	No Samples Collected	1st Quarter 2015	.130

The MCL for Total Trihalomethanes is 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L) at each individual sampling location. The MCLs for Total Trihalomethanes are defined in the New Mexico Drinking Water Regulations, 20.7.10.100 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR Section 141.64(b)(2)(i)). The MCLs for Total Trihalomethanes are determined by calculating the locational running annual average (LRAA) pursuant to 20.7.10.100 NMAC, (incorporating 40 CFR 141.620(d)).

Based on the exceedance of the MCL for Total Trihalomethanes, the New Mexico Environment Department Drinking Water Bureau (DWB) requires the Morningstar Water Supply System water system to notify customers of these MCL exceedances as required in 20.7.10.100 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR Section 141.203(b)(1) and 141.203(b)(2)). The notice must be provided to all customers and others who drink the water within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter and must be issued every three (3) months as long as the exceedances persist. In addition, public notice must be provided by one other method reasonably expected to reach consumers of the water system, i.e., publication in a local newspaper or posting in conspicuous locations. This notice must remain posted as long as the violation persists.

Pursuant to 20.7.10.100 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR Section 141.31(d)) the Morningstar Water Supply System water system must certify that the notice was published and the method of publication, by submitting a completed copy of the enclosed Public Notification Certification Form to the DWB within 10 days. A representative copy of each type of notice distributed, published, posted or made available to the persons served by the system must be included with the certification form.

Please fill out and return the enclosed Public Notice Certification Form to:

Janice L. Dye, Compliance Officer/Stage 2 DBP Rule Administrator 1277-A S. Second Street Raton, NM 87740

## Or by email to jan.dye@state.nm.us

Failure to comply with the public notice requirements will result in an additional violation (failure to notify the public and the state) being issued without notice to the Morningstar Water Supply System water system. Continued failure to comply with Public Notification Requirements, as defined in 20.7.10.100 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR Sections 141.203 and 141.31(d)) will result in escalated enforcement actions including issuance of Administrative Orders with possible penalties assessed against the Morningstar Water Supply System water system.

Continued violation(s) of the MCL for Total Trihalomethanes as defined in the New Mexico Drinking Water Regulations, 20.7.10.100 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR Section 141.64(b)(1) and 141.133(b)(1)(i) will result in escalated enforcement action(s) including issuance of Administrative Order(s) with possible penalties assessed against the Morningstar Water Supply System water system.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please call 575-445-3621 or e-mail jan.dye@state.nm.us.

Respectfully,

Janice L. Dye Compliance Officer/Stage 2 DBP Rule Administrator

Drinking Water Bureau
Water Protection Division

Enclosures: Public Notice Template

Public Notice Certification Form

Cc: Region Supervisor (electronic)
Albuquerque Area Office file
Central Office file
Magneto system file

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

# Morningstar Water Supply System Has Levels of Total Trihalomethanes above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, 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 routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results show that our system exceeds the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for Total Trihalomethanes. The standard for Total Trihalomethanes is 0.080 mg/L. The average level of Total Trihalomethanes over the last quarter is shown in the table below:

Sample Location	Sample Date	Quarter & Year	TTHM LRAA
			(mg/L)
HAA5-1 52 Road 3141	No Samples Collected	3rd Quarter 2014	.107
HAA5-1 52 Road 3141	No Samples Collected	4th Quarter 2014	.107
HAA5-1 52 Road 3141	No samples Collected	1st Quarter 2015	.140
TTHM-1 – 5 Road 3627	No Samples Collected	1st Quarter 2015	.130

### What should I do?

You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

### What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing Total Trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. Additionally, some people who drink water containing Total Trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys or central nervous systems.

# What is being done?

[Describe corrective action.] We anticipate resolving the problem within [estimated time frame].

For more information, please contact [name of contact] at [phone number] or [mailing address].

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.



# New Mexico Environment Department - Drinking Water Bureau Public Notification Certification Form - All Tiers Requirements Pursuant to 40 CFR 141 (Subpart Q)

\*\*This form and a copy of your Notice to the Public must be submitted to the State within 10 days of notifying your customers. \*\*

PWSID#: NM3510524 Water System Name: Morn Violation/Situation Date: 3rd and 4th Quarters 2014 and 1st Quarters	ingstar Water Supply Sysuarter 2015	<u>stem</u>
Individual Contaminant/Contaminant Group: TTHM		
Violation/Situation Type:MCL TTHM		
Violation/Situation Public Notification Tier Level: Tier	2	
Distributed the notice by the following method(s), and on the 141.201:	e following date(s) in acc	cordance with 40 CFR
Continuously Post Separate Mailing to Customers Hand Deliver Notice to Customers Publish Notice in Newspaper Release Notice to and Announced by Broadcast Media Post Notice on System Website Billing Annual Report (Consumer Confidence Report) Other: Attach a copy of the posted Public Notice(s) to this certification.	Date:	
The public water system named above hereby certifies that p consumers in accordance with all delivery, content, and form	nat requirements specifie	
Water System Representative:(Signature)	(Print Name)	(Phone Number)
Date of Certification:		

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