

April 27, 2011

NAME OF WATER SYSTEM CONTACT  
ADDRESS  
TOWN, OR 97xxx

Re: [NAME OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM] Monthly Assessment Monitoring Requirement

Dear [CONTACT PERSON]:

The Groundwater Rule went into effect on December 1, 2009. It is designed to increase protection against pathogens, particularly fecal viruses, in public water systems that use groundwater sources. If fecal contamination (in the form of *E. coli*) is confirmed in a groundwater source, we can presume fecal viruses may also be present in the source water, and the corrective action provisions of the Groundwater Rule will apply.

Those water systems with groundwater sources that add a form of treatment (i.e., chlorine, UV, etc) and are identified by the Drinking Water Program (DWP) as “susceptible” to fecal/viral contamination, must conduct monthly raw water sampling for the duration of one year. A description of the criteria used to identify susceptible sources is attached. This letter indicates that the DWP has identified the groundwater sources listed below as susceptible to fecal contamination. Therefore, to meet Groundwater Rule requirements, a coliform sample must be collected from a raw water sample tap, prior to treatment, for each month of the year that the listed sources are in operation. Sample collection from each source should begin in May 2011 and end in April 2012:

SRC-AA, WELL #1

Unless the above source(s) are seasonally operated, this means 12 months of source water sampling. If you are unable to begin sampling in May 2011, you may start in June. The DWP will begin running violations for missed samples during 2011.

Please complete the lab form carefully for these assessment monitoring samples. Mark the sample type only within the section labeled “Source Sample”, as shown below. The next line (referring to a previous positive sample) does not apply to assessment monitoring samples. All monthly assessment sample results should be submitted to the Drinking Water Program by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month in the same manner that distribution samples are submitted (i.e., by mail, fax, or e-mail attachment).

