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SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

April 13, 2023

Mr. James Mercer, Treasurer
Housatonic Water Works
80 Maple Ave Ste 1
Great Barrington, MA 01230

Re: Great Barrington-DWP
Housatonic Water Works
PWS ID#: 1113003
Water Quality

Dear Mr. Mercer,

The Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) is in receipt of Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) and Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) results for water samples collected at a location in Housatonic Water Works. The 3rd quarter sample was collected on February 8, 2023, and the results were received by MassDEP from Housatonic Water Works on March 17, 2023, via email.

The results show that the 1st quarter Operational Evaluation Level (OEL) for HAA5 (60 µg/L) was exceeded at a 314 North Plain Road (10004) sampling location. The OEL exceedance at the 314 North Plain Road (10004) sampling location for HAA5 is 64 µg/L for the 1st quarter.

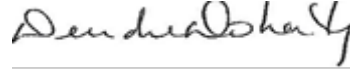
While the exceedance of the OEL is not a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) violation, it does require that the Housatonic Water Works evaluate the possible cause(s) of the exceedance and take the necessary corrective action(s) to try and avoid a future MCL exceedance. Housatonic Water Works exceeded the MCL for HAA5 at this 314 North Plain Road (10004) sampling location with 63 µg/L.

In accordance with the Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products Rule (310 CMR 22.07F(13)), Housatonic Water Works must complete and submit the attached "Operational Evaluation Reporting Form" by **June 15, 2023**. The link to EPA's Operational Evaluation Guidance Manual is emailed to the Housatonic Water Works. The full document is available at <http://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/stage-1-and-stage-2-compliance-help-community-water-system-owners-and-operators> or <http://nepis.epa.gov/Exe/ZyPDF.cgi?Dockey=P1002YDW.txt>.

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If you have any questions, please contact Hem Pokharel at 617-455-7957 or email at Hem.Pokharel@Mass.Gov.

Respectfully,



Deirdre Doherty
Drinking Water/Municipal Services Chief
Western Regional Office

Attachments:

Operational Evaluation Reporting Form, EPA's Operational Evaluation Guidance Manual

cc:

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Great Barrington Board of Health (eCopy)

Stockbridge Board of Health

Hem Pokharel (eCopy); Doug Paine (eCopy)

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