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To: All Vista Oaks MUD Customers

From: Andrew Hunt, District Manager

Subject: Notice of MCL Violation – Vista Oaks MUD PWS #2460139

Date: 11/10/11

Vista Oaks Municipal Utility District (the District) was recently notified of three (3) positive routine samples for total coliform on water samples taken within the District and submitted to be analyzed by a lab on October 4, 2011. Crossroads Utility Services, the District's operator, following notice of the positive samples, upon investigation found that the operator had improperly stored the samples prior to delivery. On October 5th, Crossroads pulled nine (9) repeat samples within the District and all samples were found negative for coliform. As a result of the repeat samples and the circumstances surrounding the improper storage of the original three positive samples, Crossroads filed a request with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to invalidate the original positive samples. Unfortunately, despite the reasons for the invalidation request, the request was denied by TCEQ on November 8, 2011. Crossroads does not believe that the samples pulled from the District on October 4, 2011 contained this bacteria and rather that the positive samples were based upon circumstances or conditions that do not reflect the actual water quality in the distribution system. The following paragraphs are required to be provided to you regarding the maximum contaminant violations under the TCEQ regulations.

In accordance with 30 TEXAS ADMIN. CODE § 290.122, Vista Oaks Municipal Utility District, PWS ID# 2460139 collected three (3) water samples during the month of October 2011, that contained coliform bacteria. This water system is required to submit a minimum of three (3) routine water samples each month for bacteriological analysis. Three (3) routine samples were coliform found and nine (9) repeat samples were negative for coliform for the month and year indicated above.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) sets drinking water standards in Texas and has determined that the presence of total coliform is a possible health concern. Coliforms are bacteria and are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

For water systems analyzing at least 40 samples per month, no more than 5.0 percent of the monthly samples may be positive for total coliforms. For systems analyzing fewer than 40 samples per month, no more than one sample per month may be positive for total coliforms.

If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact, Andrew Hunt or William Abshire at 512-246-1400