



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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WATER
DIVISION

February 9, 2023

Mr. Joseph Bob
Nooksack Indian Tribe
P.O. Box 157
Deming, WA 98244

**Re: Violations for Failure to Monitor and Report
Sulwhanon, PWS ID 105300141**

Dear Mr. Bob:

The EPA did not receive sample results for the regulated drinking water contaminants in the table below as required under the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR). As a result, Sulwhanon is in violation of the NPDWRs.

Violation	Compliance Period	Analyte	Citation
Monitoring and Reporting	1/1/2020-12/31/2022	Asbestos	40 CFR §141.23
Monitoring and Reporting	7/1/2022-12/31/2022	Lead & Copper	40 CFR §141.86
Monitoring and Reporting	10/1/2022-12/31/2022	Nitrate	40 CFR §141.23

To return to compliance you must either:

1. Submit sample results if a sample was collected during the monitoring period.

OR

1. Collect samples according to your current monitoring schedule and submit the results to EPA.
2. Notify customers of this violation within one year in your Consumer Confidence Report (CCR).

This letter serves as initial notification of non-compliance under the Safe Drinking Water Act for the regulation and time period cited. EPA supports compliance assistance and encourages early action to return to compliance. Issues not addressed in a timely manner may be referred to enforcement. Prior to an enforcement action for the cited violation(s), EPA Region 10 will offer government-to-government consultation, in accordance with the [EPA Policy on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes](#).

Please contact the Groundwater and Drinking Water Section at (206) 553-6253 or R10TribalDW@epa.gov to determine next steps or if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Karen Burgess, Manager
Groundwater and Drinking Water Section

cc: Sandy Redsteer, Indian Health Service