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NEWS MEDIA RELEASE

IMPORTANT NOTICE:**WATER USE REDUCTION ADVISORY**

ALL CUSTOMERS OF THE LITTLE HOCKING WATER ASSOCIATION ARE ASKED TO VOLUNTARILY REDUCE THEIR WATER USE ON A TEMPORARY BASIS IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE WATER DEMAND ON THE SYSTEM.

THE SUNKEN BARGES AT THE BELLEVILLE LOCKS AND DAM HAVE CAUSED THE LEVEL OF THE OHIO RIVER TO DROP DRAMATICALLY. THE RIVER LEVEL IS LOWERING THE WATER TABLE AND REDUCING OUR WELLFIELD'S CAPACITY TO PRODUCE WATER. CONSEQUENTLY, WE ARE HAVING PROBLEMS MEETING THE WATER DEMANDS OF THE SYSTEM. **UNLESS THE WATER DEMAND IS SUFFICIENTLY REDUCED, WE WILL NEED TO ACTIVATE WELL NO. 5 TO MEET OUR CUSTOMERS' CURRENT DEMAND FOR WATER.**

WE HAVE AVOIDED PUMPING WATER FROM WELL NO. 5 INTO THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM BECAUSE OF WELL NO. 5'S HIGHER LEVEL OF C-8 .AS DISCUSSED DURING OUR PUBLIC MEETING IN FEBRUARY 2002; ON OUR WEBSITE; IN OUR CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORTS; AND IN RECENT NOTICES TO OUR MEMBERS, C-8 WAS DISCOVERED IN OUR WELLS IN JANUARY, 2002. WELL NO. 5 HAS THE HIGHEST C-8 LEVELS OUT OF ALL OF OUR PRODUCTION WELLS. OUR LATEST NOTICE IS ATTACHED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

WE WANT TO AVOID USING WELL NO.5 SO WE ARE ASKING ALL CUSTOMERS **OF THE LITTLE HOCKING WATER ASSOCIATION TO VOLUNTARILY REDUCE THEIR WATER USE ON A TEMPORARY BASIS.** IF WATER DEMAND IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY REDUCED AND RIVER LEVELS CONTINUE TO DROP, WELL NO. 5 WILL HAVE TO BE USED. HOWEVER, WE WILL USE WELL NO. 5 AS SPARINGLY AS POSSIBLE AND ONLY UNTIL OUR WELLFIELD CAN RETURN TO NORMAL OPERATION.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

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**C-8 Results for Little Hocking Distribution System
Little Hocking Water Association
Washington County, Ohio**

Sample Location	Sample Date	PFOA ug/L	C-8 ug/L
SR 339 Booster Station	1/22/02		1.81
Bartlett County Corner	1/22/02		1.94
Torch Booster Station	1/22/02		1.850
Porterfield Community Building	1/22/02		1.690
Porterfield Community Building	3/26/02		2.62
Porterfield Community Building	4/23/02		1.93
Porterfield Community Building	4/23/02		1.55
Porterfield Community Building	10/16/02		4.29
Porterfield Community Building	2/26/03		2.33
Porterfield Community Building	5/28/03		2.54
Porterfield Community Building	8/29/03		3.73
Porterfield Community Building	12/17/03		1.5
Porterfield Community Building	2/24/04		4.33
Porterfield Community Building	5/28/04		3.64
Porterfield Community Building	9/16/04		5.39
Porterfield Community Building	11/29/04	6.92	7.20

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=Highest Level Detected