



REGION 10

SEATTLE, WA 98101

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Jeromy S. Meyer
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Failure to Submit Lead Consumer Notice and Certification, Squaxin Consolidated, PWS ID 105300146

Dear Mr. Meyer:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has not received a certification that Squaxin Consolidated provided consumer notices of individual lead tap results to its customers by 12/30/2023 for the 6/1/2023 – 9/30/2023 compliance period, which constitutes a violation of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations [40 CFR 141.90(f)(3)]. All water systems that sample for lead and copper must provide a consumer notice of individual lead tap results to each location where samples were taken within 30 days of receiving results [40 CFR 141.85(d)]. One example copy of a consumer notice that was distributed, along with a certification that the consumer notices contained all required information must be submitted to EPA within 90 days following the end of the compliance period [40 CFR 141.90(f)(3)].

To return to compliance Squaxin Consolidated must either:

1. If lead consumer notices were already delivered to customers, submit one example copy along with the certification form to R10TribalDW@epa.gov as soon as possible.

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2. Distribute consumer notices of individual lead tap results to customers and submit one example copy along with the certification form to R10TribalDW@epa.gov as soon as possible.

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 R10TribalDW@epa.gov with questions.

Sincerely,

For Karen Burgess
Manager
Groundwater and Drinking Water Section

cc: Alan Cooper, Squaxin Island Tribe
Quinn Andreas, RCAC/EFC Region 10