



REGION 10

SEATTLE, WA 98101

February 12, 2024

Michael Roberts
Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe
5318 Chief Brown Lane
Darrington, WA 98241

Failure to Monitor or Report Contaminants, Sauk-Suiattle, PWS ID 105311106

Dear Michael Roberts:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has not received sample results for the following regulated drinking water contaminants, which constitutes a violation of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations [[40 CFR 141.23\(a\)](#)], [[40 CFR 141.24\(f\)](#)]:

Analyte	Compliance Period	Sample Site ID	Sample Site Name
Nitrate	January 2023 - December 2023	SS-15	WELL #4 FINISHED TAP
VOCs	January 2023 - December 2023	SS-15	WELL #4 FINISHED TAP

Sauk-Suiattle is required to monitoring for these drinking water contaminants during the compliance periods listed in the monitoring and compliance schedule. Results must be reported to the EPA by the tenth (10th) of the month following the sampling period [[40 CFR 141.31\(a\)](#)].

To return to compliance Sauk-Suiattle must either:

1. If samples were already collected, submit results to R10TribalDW@epa.gov as soon as possible.

-OR-

2. Collect samples as soon as possible and submit results to R10TribalDW@epa.gov. Please visit Drinking Water Watch for sampling schedules (<https://sdwisdww.epa.gov/DWWR10/>).

Additionally, Sauk-Suiattle must:

1. Distribute Tier 3 Public Notification (PN) **within 1 year** of receiving this letter [[40 CFR 141.204\(b\)](#)].

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2. Submit a copy of the PN that was distributed and the completed PN Certification Form to R10TribalDW@epa.gov within 10 days after issuing the notice [[40 CFR 141.31\(d\)\(1\)](#)].

A Public Notification template, instructions, and certification are enclosed to assist with completing the requirements. For community water systems only, the annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) may be used as a vehicle for the initial Tier 3 public notice, and all required repeat notices, instead of individual Tier 3 public notices, under [40 CFR 141.204\(b\)\(2\)](#).

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,

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For Karen Burgess
Manager

Groundwater and Drinking Water Section

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