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VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Mr. Ellis Mitchell
Benton Harbor
200 Wall Street
Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022

WSSN: 00600
County: Berrien
Supply: Benton Harbor

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

SUBJECT: Compliance Communication - Reporting for Public Education Distribution Certification

The records of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division (DWEHD), show that Benton Harbor was in violation of the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended (Act 399); specifically, R325.10710d, *Reporting requirements for lead, copper, and corrosion control*, the 1979 Administrative Code.

A supplier of water that has a lead Action Level exceedance shall distribute public education. Benton Harbor exceeded the lead Action Level during the July through December 2020 monitoring period. Benton Harbor was required to send written documentation to the department within ten days after the end of each period in which public education tasks were required. Benton Harbor's specific requirements were detailed in the Action Level Exceedance letter sent February 4, 2021.

During a recent file review, EGLE determined that Benton Harbor completed all required public education distribution tasks and educated its customers about lead in drinking water on time but did not submit the certification form by the March 11, 2021 deadline.

EGLE's investigation consisted of a review of DWEHD files and is considered complete. Benton Harbor was out of compliance on March 12, 2021 and returned to compliance on April 1, 2021, when the certification form was submitted. This situation is considered resolved. There are no required follow-up actions.

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If you have any questions regarding this compliance communication, please contact me at BoltJ@michigan.gov; Lead and Copper Unit, Community Water Supply Section, DWEHD, EGLE, P.O. Box 30817, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8311; or at the phone number provided below.

Sincerely,



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