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DIRECTOR

October 25, 2021

**VIA EMAIL**

Ms. Arlene Anderson-Vincent  
Natural Resource Manager  
Ice Mountain Natural Spring Water  
BlueTriton Brands, Inc.  
19275 8-Mile Road  
Stanwood, Michigan 49346-8806

Dear Ms. Anderson-Vincent:

**SUBJECT:** Permit No. 1701 Issued Under the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act,  
1976 PA 399, as amended (Act 399), Section 17

In response to your letter of September 28, 2021, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) acknowledges notification per General Condition No. 1 of Permit No. 1701 that the permittee, BlueTriton Brands, Inc. (BlueTriton), formerly known as Nestlé Waters North America Inc., does not intend to utilize the additional capacity authorized by the permit. The revised capacity of 288 gallons per minute does not meet the threshold to require a permit under Section 17 of Act 399. Therefore, Permit No. 1701 is no longer needed and is hereby rescinded, effective immediately.

The withdrawal at well PW-101 remains subject to requirements of the Water Withdrawal Program within EGLE's Water Resources Division (WRD) and with reporting requirements to the Noncommunity Water Supply Program within EGLE's Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division (DWEHD).

EGLE is encouraged to hear that BlueTriton intends to continue funding the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) stream gages in Chippewa and Twin Creeks and the equipment the USGS installed to collect groundwater elevation data from MW-110d and MW-114i, at least for 2022, and continuing to collect their own groundwater, stream flow, fish, and macroinvertebrate data at levels consistent with their historical data collection.

Given the levels of interest in the White Pine Springs facility by EGLE and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources staff, Tribes, environmental groups, and other concerned citizens, EGLE's WRD encourages BlueTriton to continue voluntary wetland monitoring as they are for groundwater and streams to address concerns that BlueTriton's pumping is likely to adversely affect wetlands in the area. If the pumping

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were to drain wetlands, then a permit would be required under Part 303 of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 Act 451, as amended.

Monitoring points of any kind and other equipment located at inactive sampling locations that were established to meet the requirements of Permit No. 1701 should be properly abandoned if not needed for other purposes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Sara Pearson, Supervisor, Source Water Unit, DWEHD, at 517-420-3219; [PearsonS@Michigan.gov](mailto:PearsonS@Michigan.gov); or EGLE, P.O. Box 30817, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8311; or you may contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric J. Oswald", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Eric J. Oswald, Director

Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division

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