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217/785-0561

February 6, 2023

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**Decatur Correctional Center** c/o Sherry Gray 2310 E Mound Road Decatur, IL 62526

Re:

**Violation Notice: DECATUR CORRECTIONAL CENTER** 

Facility No.: IL1150140

Violation Notice No.: W-2023-00009

Dear Ms. Gray:

This constitutes a Violation Notice pursuant to Section 31(a)(1) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), 415 ILCS 5/31(a)(1), and is based upon a review of available information and an investigation by representatives of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA").

The Illinois EPA hereby provides notice of alleged violations of environmental laws, regulations, or permits as set forth in Attachment A to this notice. Attachment A includes an explanation of the activities that the Illinois EPA believes may resolve the specified alleged violations, including an estimate of a reasonable time period to complete the necessary activities. Due to the nature and seriousness of the alleged violations, please be advised that resolution of the violations may also require the involvement of a prosecutorial authority for purposes that may include, among others, the imposition of statutory penalties.

A written response, which may include a request for a meeting with representatives of the Illinois EPA, must be submitted via certified mail to the Illinois EPA within 45 days of receipt of this letter. If a meeting is requested, it shall be held within 60 days of receipt of this notice. The response must include information in rebuttal, explanation, or justification of each alleged violation and a statement indicating whether or not the facility wishes to enter into a Compliance Commitment Agreement ("CCA") pursuant to Section 31(a) of the Act. If the facility wishes to enter into a CCA, the written response must also include proposed terms for the CCA that includes dates for achieving each commitment and may include a statement that compliance has been achieved for some or all of the alleged violations. The proposed terms of the CCA should contain sufficient detail and must include steps to be taken to achieve compliance and the necessary dates by which compliance will be achieved.

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The Illinois EPA will review the proposed terms for a CCA provided by the facility and, within 30 days of receipt, will respond with either a proposed CCA or a notice that no CCA will be issued by the Illinois EPA. If the Illinois EPA sends a proposed CCA, the facility must respond in writing by either agreeing to and signing the proposed CCA or by notifying the Illinois EPA that the facility rejects the terms of the proposed CCA.

If a timely written response to this Violation Notice is not provided, it shall be considered a waiver of the opportunity to respond and meet, and the Illinois EPA may proceed with referral to a prosecutorial authority.

Written communications should be directed to:

Illinois EPA – Division of Public Water Supplies Attn: Joey Logan-Pugh, CAS #19 P.O. Box 19276 Springfield, IL 62794-9276

All communications must include reference to this Violation Notice number, W-2023-00009.

Questions regarding this Violation Notice should be directed to me at 217/785-0561.

Sincerely,

Joey Logan-Pugh

Manager, Compliance Assurance Section

Division of Public Water Supplies

Bureau of Water

Attachments

cc: David Patrick Rodney Thacker Jared Brunk

BOW ID: W1158050025

#### ATTACHMENT A

#### DECATUR CORRECTIONAL CENTER, IL1150140 VIOLATION NOTICE NO. W-2023-00009:

Questions regarding the violations identified in this attachment should be referred to Joey Logan-Pugh at (217) 785-0561.

A review of information available to the Illinois EPA indicates the following violations of statutes, regulations, or permits. Included with each type of violation is an explanation of the activities that the Illinois EPA believes may resolve the violation including an estimated time period for resolution.

## Drinking Water Cross-Connection Control Program

All public water supplies must have an active cross-connection control program. It is not possible for the Agency to evaluate whether a water system's cross-connection control program is comprehensive without the ability to evaluate an ordinance or service agreement. Compliance is expected to be achieved by submitting your water supply's cross-connection control ordinance or water use agreement within 90 days to the Illinois EPA. Additionally, provide an implementation schedule including when your water system will conduct its cross-connection survey of the distribution system; how your water system will evaluate high risk service connections; and how your water system will track cross connection control devices and their annual inspection.

Violation	Violation
Date	Description
8/8/2022	Failure to have a comprehensive cross-connection control
	program. (on-going violation)
Rule/Reg.	Section 18 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18, and 35 Ill. Adm. Code
	601.101(a) and 604.1505(a) and (b).

## Drinking Water Cross-Connection Program Device Inventory

A community water supply must maintain records of all backflow preventers that require annual testing. To achieve compliance, an inventory of all backflow prevention devices in the system must be created, and documentation submitted to the Illinois EPA within 90 days.

Violation	Violation
Date	Description
8/8/2022	Failure to maintain records of all backflow preventers that
	require annual testing.
Rule/Reg.	Section 18 of the Act 415 ILCS 5/18, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 601.101
	and 604.1505 (b) (5).

# Drinking Water Cross-Connection Device Testing

A community water supply must assure all backflow preventers are tested at least annually. To achieve compliance, each backflow prevention device must be tested, and documentation submitted to the Illinois EPA within 90 days.

#### ATTACHMENT A

### DECATUR CORRECTIONAL CENTER, IL11500140 VIOLATION NOTICE NO. W-2023-00009:

Violation	Violation	
Date	Description	
8/8/2022	Failure to perform annual testing of all backflow prevent	ion
	devices in the system. (on-going violation)	
Rule/Reg.	Section 18 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18, and 35 Ill. Adm. C	lode
	601.101 and 604.1510(a).	

### Drinking Water Cross-Connection

No cross connection is allowed whereby an unsafe substance may enter a community water supply. Compliance is expected to be achieved within 90 days.

Violation	Violation
Date	Description
8/8/2022	Failure to have backflow prevention installed on the cooling
	tower line. (on-going violation)
Rule/Reg.	Section 18 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18, and 35 Ill. Adm. Code
	604.1500(b) and 601.101.

## Emergency Operation Plan

Each community water supply must develop an Emergency Operations Plan for the provision of water under emergency circumstances, including earthquakes, floods, tornados, and other disasters. The Emergency Operations Plan must include a review of the methods and means by which alternative supplies of drinking water could be provided in the event of destruction, impairment, or contamination of a community water supply. Compliance with this is expected to be achieved within 90 days by developing and maintaining an Emergency Operations Plan for the public water supply. This Emergency Operations Plan must be maintained on-site and available to the Agency, upon request, and must be reviewed every three years.

Violation Date	Violation Description										
8/8/2022	Failure to	have	an	emerg	ency	opera	tions	p	lan.	(on-	going
	violation)										
Rule/Reg.	Section 18	of the	Act,	415	ILCS	5/18,	and	35	Ill.	Adm.	Code
	601.101 and	604.135	5(d).								

# Drinking Water Monthly Operating Reports

All public water supplies are required to submit reports summarizing daily operational activities to the Regional Illinois EPA office each month. Compliance with this is expected within 30 days by submission of the required reports.

#### ATTACHMENT A

## DECATUR CORRECTIONAL CENTER, IL1150140 VIOLATION NOTICE NO. W-2023-00009:

Violation Violation
Date Description

8/8/2022 Failure to submit monthly operating reports. (on-going

violation)

Rule/Reg. Section 18 and 19 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18 and 5/19, 35 Ill.

Adm. Code. 601.101 and 604.165(b).

# Water Treatment Plant/Distribution System Maintenance

Each community water supply must develop and maintain a systematic flushing program.

Violation	Violation					
Date	Description			·		
8/8/2022	Failure to	develop and	maintain a	systemic	flushing	program.
	(on-going vi	olation)				
Rule/Reg.	Section 18 of	the Act, 41	5 ILCS 5/18	3, 35 Ill.	Adm. Code	e 601.101
	and 604.1425	(c).				