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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

City of Lawrenceville
c/o David M. Courtney
P.O. Box 557
Lawrenceville, IL 62439

**Re: Violation Notice: LAWRENCEVILLE
Facility No.: IL1010150
Violation Notice No.: W-2026-00001**

Dear Mr. Courtney:

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: Sara Parmenter, CAS #19
2520 West Iles Avenue
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, IL 62794-9276

All communications must include reference to this Violation Notice number, W-2026-00001.

Questions regarding this Violation Notice should be directed to Sara Parmenter at 217/558-1203.

Sincerely,

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Tatum DeMay

Tatum DeMay
Manager, Compliance Assurance Section
Division of Public Water Supplies
Bureau of Water

Attachments

cc: Aaron M. Tipsword

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Lawrenceville, IL 62439

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Questions regarding the violations identified in this attachment should be referred to Sara Parmenter at (217) 558-1203.

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.

Water Treatment Plant/Distribution System Maintenance

There are structure/maintenance problems, which threaten the quality of the drinking water provided to customers. Compliance with this is expected within 180 days by obtaining permits and completing the necessary construction.

Violation	Violation
<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
12/9/2025	Failure to repair leaking at the wellhead for WL01768 (Well #12).
Rule/Reg.	Section 18 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18, and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 601.101(a), 604.255(c)(1)(C) and 604.1225(b)(2).

Violation	Violation
<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
12/9/2025	Failure to repair leaking at the wellhead for WL01769 (Well #13).
Rule/Reg.	Section 18 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18, and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 601.101(a), 604.255(c)(1)(C) and 604.1225(b)(2).

Violation	Violation
<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
12/9/2025	Failure to repair leaking at the wellhead for WL01884 (Well #14).
Rule/Reg.	Section 18 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18, and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 601.101(a), 604.255(c)(1)(C) and 604.1225(b)(2).

Violation	Violation
<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
12/9/2025	Failure to provide a means to provide adequate flushing where dead-end mains occur.
Rule/Reg.	Section 18 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18, and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 601.101(a) and 604.1415(c)(2).

Drinking Water Construction Permit

Public Water Supplies (PWSs) are required to obtain a construction permit from Illinois EPA for all construction. To meet compliance, the supply is expected to submit as-built plans and specifications pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 602.116 within 120 days for approval by Illinois EPA.

Violation	Violation
<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
12/9/2025	Failure to obtain a construction permit for the potassium permanganate feed system in use.
Rule/Reg.	Section 15 and 18 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/15 and 5/18, and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 601.101(a), 602.101(b), 602.116, and 602.200.

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Violation	Violation
Date	Description
12/9/2025	Failure to obtain a construction permit for the hydrofluosilicic acid feed system in use.
Rule/Reg.	Section 15 and 18 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/15 and 5/18, and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 601.101(a), 602.101(b), 602.116, and 602.200.

Drinking Water Fluoridation

All public water supplies must **maintain** a fluoride ion concentration of 0.7 mg/l in all water discharged to the distribution system. Compliance with this is expected to be achieved within 30 days by proper operation of fluoridation equipment.

Violation	Violation
Date	Description
12/9/2025	Failure to provide adequate fluoridation. (on-going violation)
Rule/Reg.	Section 18 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18, and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 601.101(a), 604.1150(a), and 611.125.

Drinking Water Operating Permit

Public Water Supplies (PWSs) are required to obtain an operating permit from Illinois EPA for all changes or additions for which a construction permit is required. Compliance with this requirement is expected to be achieved within 30 days by submitting a request for an extension of time; notifying the Agency that the project is cancelled; or submitting an operating permit application and respective satisfactory bacteriological sample results to the Illinois EPA and obtaining the required operating permit.

Violation	Violation
Date	Description
12/9/2025	Failure to obtain an operating permit for the 16 th Street Waterline Upgrade, Construction Permit No. FY2025-0334.
Rule/Reg	Section 18(a)(2) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18(a)(2), and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 601.101(a) and 602.300.

Violation	Violation
Date	Description
12/9/2025	Failure to obtain an operating permit for the Sodium Hypochlorite Feed System, Construction Permit No. FY2024-0412.
Rule/Reg	Section 18(a)(2) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18(a)(2), and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 601.101(a) and 602.300.

Violation	Violation
Date	Description
12/9/2025	Failure to obtain an operating permit for the 10 th Street Waterline Upgrade, Construction Permit No. FY2020-1112.
Rule/Reg	Section 18(a)(2) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18(a)(2), and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 601.101(a) and 602.300.

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<u>Violation</u>	<u>Violation</u>
<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
12/9/2025	Failure to obtain an operating permit for the Indian Trail Apartment II (SW of James St.), Construction Permit No. FY2017-0687.
Rule/Reg	Section 18(a)(2) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18(a)(2), and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 601.101(a) and 602.300.

<u>Violation</u>	<u>Violation</u>
<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
12/9/2025	Failure to obtain an operating permit for the Transmission Main Relocation, Construction Permit No. FY2012-0832.
Rule/Reg	Section 18(a)(2) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18(a)(2), and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 601.101(a) and 602.300.

<u>Violation</u>	<u>Violation</u>
<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
12/9/2025	Failure to obtain an operating permit for the Indian Trail Apartments, Construction Permit No. FY2012-0704.
Rule/Reg	Section 18(a)(2) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18(a)(2), and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 601.101(a) and 602.300.

<u>Violation</u>	<u>Violation</u>
<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
12/9/2025	Failure to obtain an operating permit for the Lawrenceville Track and Concession Building, Construction Permit No. FY2011-0680.
Rule/Reg	Section 18(a)(2) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18(a)(2), and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 601.101(a) and 602.300.

<u>Violation</u>	<u>Violation</u>
<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
12/9/2025	Failure to obtain an operating permit for Air/Vacuum Release and Overboard Valves for Six Wells, Construction Permit No. FY2010-1251.
Rule/Reg	Section 18(a)(2) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18(a)(2), and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 601.101(a) and 602.300.

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.

<u>Violation</u>	<u>Violation</u>
<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
12/9/2025	Failure to submit Monthly Operating Reports within 30 days of the last day of each month.
Rule/Reg.	Section 18(a) and 19 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18 and 5/19, and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 601.101(a) and 604.165(a), (c), and (d).

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All public water supplies must **maintain** a chlorine residual of either 0.5 mg/l free or 1.0 mg/l total in all active parts of the distribution system. Compliance with this is expected to be achieved immediately by proper operation of chlorination equipment.

Violation	Violation
<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
12/9/2025	Failure to maintain a minimum chlorine residual in all active parts of the distribution system, at all times. (on-going violation)
Rule/Reg.	Section 18 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18, and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 601.101(a) and 604.725(a).

Drinking Water Monitoring Site Plan Requirements

All public water supplies must achieve and maintain compliance with the monitoring and reporting requirements of the Environmental Protection Act. Your supply did not submit the required written coliform sample site plan. This written plan must be representative of the water throughout the distribution system and be approved by special exception permit. Compliance with this is expected to be achieved within 30 days by submitting a written coliform sample site plan.

Violation	Violation
<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
12/9/2025	Failure to have an Agency approved, written sample site plan for coliform that identifies repeat sample sites within five service connections upstream and downstream of the original sampling sites representative of water throughout the distribution system. (on-going violation).
Rule/Reg.	Section 18 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18, and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 611.1053(a)(5).

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
<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
12/9/2025	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).

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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.

Violation	Violation
Date	Description
12/9/2025	Failure to perform annual testing of all backflow prevention devices in the system. (on-going violation)
Rule/Reg.	Section 18 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18, and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 601.101(a) and 604.1510(a).

Drinking Water Cross-Connection Control Program

All public water supplies must have an active cross-connection control program in place. Compliance with this is expected to be achieved within 90 days by conducting a cross-connection control program survey and submitting documentation to the Illinois EPA.

Violation	Violation
Date	Description
12/9/2025	Failure to conduct a cross-connection control program survey at least once every three years. (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(b)(2).

Significant Deficiencies Identified in Sanitary Surveys

For sanitary surveys performed by the Agency, a community water supply must respond in writing to any significant deficiencies identified in the sanitary survey reports no later than 45 days after receipt of the report, indicating how and on what schedule the supplier will address significant deficiencies noted in the survey. A supplier must correct significant deficiencies identified in sanitary survey reports according to the schedule approved by USEPA or the Agency. Compliance with this is expected to be achieved within 90 days by correcting all outstanding deficiencies noted in the previous inspection.

Violation	Violation
Date	Description
12/9/2025	Failure to correct all significant deficiencies identified in the April 14, 2023, Notice of Significant Deficiencies.
Rule/Reg.	Section 18 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18, and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 601.101(a) and 611.1023(d).

ATTACHMENT A**LAWRENCEVILLE, IL1010150 VIOLATION NOTICE NO. W-2026-00001:****Drinking Water Monitoring**

All Public Water Supplies (PWSs) must achieve and maintain compliance with the monitoring and reporting requirements of the Environmental Protection Act. Your supply did not submit required sample results from a certified laboratory. Sample results are due to the Illinois EPA by the 10th of the month following the monitoring period. **Compliance with these monitoring and reporting requirements is expected to be achieved within the next monitoring period.**

Violation	Violation
<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
10/14/2025	Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products (DBPs) sample results were not received for the August 2025 monitoring period.
Rule/Reg.	Sections 18 and 19 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18 and 5/19, and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 611.973.
7/29/2025	Lead and Copper sample results were not received for the January 1, 2025, to June 30, 2025, monitoring period.
Rule/Reg.	Section 18 and 19 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18 and 5/19, and 35. Ill. Adm. Code 611.350(h).

Failure to Submit Notice of Known or Potential Service Line Containing Lead Certification Form

All Community Public Water Supplies (PWSs) are required to submit a Notice of Known or Potential Service Line Contain Lead Certification Form confirming that all persons served through a lead, galvanized requiring replacement, or lead status unknown service line have been informed of their service line material and that the notice was distributed in accordance with state and federal regulations. This informational notice must include an explanation of the health effects of lead, steps consumers can take to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water, contact information for the water utility, and information on any available lead service line replacement programs. Compliance is expected to be achieved by providing notification to customers and submitting a completed Potential Service Line Containing Lead Certification Form within 30 days (certification form enclosed).

Violation	Violation
<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
7/3/2025	Failure to provide notification to customers of potential or known service line containing lead.
Rule/Reg.	Section 18 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18, and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 611.360(e).
7/3/2025	Failure to submit to the Agency a certification form confirming that persons served though a lead, galvanized requiring replacement, or lead status unknown service line have been informed of their service line material.
Rule/Reg.	Section 18 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18, and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 611.360(f)(4).

ATTACHMENT A**LAWRENCEVILLE, IL1010150 VIOLATION NOTICE NO. W-2026-00001:****Drinking Water Treatment Recommendations**

All PWSs exceeding the lead or copper action level are required to submit treatment recommendations within six months of an action level exceedance. Compliance with this requirement is expected to be achieved within 90 days by submission of the required treatment recommendations.

Violation	Violation
Date	Description
1/23/2025	Failure to submit a source water treatment recommendation.
Rule/Reg.	Section 18 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18, and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 611.353(a)(1).
Violation	Violation
Date	Description
1/23/2025	Failure to submit an optimal corrosion control treatment recommendation.
Rule/Reg.	Section 18 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/18, and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 611.351(e)(1), and 611.352.

Drinking Water Supplemental Construction Permit

Public Water Supplies (PWSs) are required to obtain a construction permit from Illinois EPA for all construction. Before any deviations from plans and specifications approved by the Agency are made, the public water supply must make a written request for a supplemental permit. To meet compliance, the supply is expected to submit as-built plans and specifications pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 602.116 within 120 days for approval by Illinois EPA.

Violation	Violation
Date	Description
12/9/2025	Failure to obtain a supplemental construction permit for the installation of 60-gallon sodium hypochlorite day tanks.
Rule/Reg.	Section 15 and 18 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/15 and 5/18, and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 602.101(b) and 602.220.