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Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule (2 DBPR)
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) MCL Violation (Type – 02)
Water System Name: Washington Water System, County: Wilkes
WSID#: GA3170002, Violation IDs: 2025-21339, 2025-21340, 2025-21341, 2025-21342, 2025-21343, 2025-21345, 2025-21346

Dear Mayor Bailey:

Notices of Violation with Public Notice requests were sent to the Washington Water System for exceeding the MCL for HAA5 during the fourth quarter of 2024 (10/01/2024 to 12/31/2024) at sampling point 502 and the first quarter of 2025 (01/01/2025 to 03/30/2025), second quarter of 2025 (04/01/2025 to 06/30/2025) and the third quarter of 2025 (07/01/2025 to 09/30/2025) at sampling points 501 and 502. Georgia EPD has received copies of the Public Notice and Certification of Public Notice addressing these violations. Samples collected during the fourth quarter of 2025 have returned the system to compliance, and no further enforcement actions are warranted at this time.

In order to maintain compliance, the Water System must continue to implement appropriate operating and treatment strategies to meet or be below the MCL for current and future compliance periods. The maximum contaminant level for Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) is 0.060 milligrams per liter (mg/L) which is based on a Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA) of the quarterly sample results.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you need assistance or additional information, please contact Leslie Lundeen of our Drinking Water Compliance Program at (470) 607-2453 or via e-mail at leslie.lundeen@dnr.ga.gov.

Sincerely,

Leslie Lundeen
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