

February 4, 2026

Transmitted Electronically

Mr. Paresh Patel
Owner
Mansfield Inn Motel
1111 E. Main St.
Barstow, California 92311

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

**Re: Mansfield Inn Motel
Notice of Violation (NOV)
Drinking Water
Richland County
PWS ID: OH7043712**

Subject: Limited Scope Site Visit (LSSV) – Facility ID# 7057787,(TNC)

Dear Mr. Patel:

On Feb. 3, 2026, I conducted a Limited Scope Site Visit (LSSV) of the Mansfield Inn Motel public water system (PWS). The purpose of our inspection was to determine your facility's compliance with Ohio's drinking water laws as found in Chapter 6109 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and Chapter 3745 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). Our inspection included a review of records associated with facility operations.

During the inspection, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) observed the following violations of Chapter 6109 of the ORC and Chapter 3745 of the OAC.

VIOLATIONS

The following violations of Ohio's safe drinking water laws and rules were observed. In accordance with OAC Rule 3745-81-60, your public water system shall **respond in writing within 30 days of the date of this letter indicating how and on what schedule the public water system will address the following violations** and correct the violations according to a schedule accepted by the director.

1. In accordance with OAC Rule 3745-83-01(H)(1), "The owner and operator shall ensure that all facilities and equipment necessary for the treatment and distribution of water shall be maintained, at a minimum so as to function as intended."
 - (a) At the time of the site visit, there was no water pressure in the distribution system.
 - (b) On Jan. 29, 2026, Ohio EPA spoke with the well contractor who stated that the well pump for Well #2 appeared to be inoperable.
 - (c) Replace the well pump in Well #2 and ensure Well #2 is in operation.**
 - (d) Submit a written response within 30 days of the date of this letter outlining the steps and schedule to restore Well #2 to operable condition.** Please note that detail plan submittal may be required.

2. In accordance with OAC Rule 3745-83-01(H)(1), “The owner and operator shall ensure that all facilities and equipment necessary for the treatment and distribution of water shall be maintained, at a minimum so as to function as intended.”
 - (a) At the time of the site visit, there was no water pressure in the distribution system.
 - (b) On Jan. 29, 2026, Ohio EPA spoke with the well contractor who stated that parts from the Well #1 pump appeared to be used in an attempt to make the Well #2 pump operable. Therefore, Well #1 appears to be inoperable.
 - (c) **Restore Well #1 to operable condition or have a well driller registered with the Ohio Department of Health seal Well #1 and submit a copy of the “Water Well Sealing Report” to Ohio EPA.**
 - (d) **Submit a written response within 30 days of the date of this letter outlining the steps and schedule to restore Well #1 to operable condition or seal it.** Please note that detail plan submittal may be required.
3. In accordance with OAC Rule 3745-9-05(A)(13)(d), “... Any portion of electrical wiring to a well that is not buried by the ground shall be fully enclosed in conduit to prevent the entrance of insects and water, and to protect from potential electrical hazard.”
 - (a) The electrical wiring inside the building between each well and the pressure switch was not fully enclosed in conduit.
 - (b) **Place the electrical wiring in fully enclosed electrical conduit.**
 - (c) **Submit a photograph of the installed and properly sealed electrical conduit between each well and the pressure switch.**
4. In accordance with OAC Rule 3745-83-01(H)(1), “The owner and operator shall ensure that all facilities and equipment necessary for the treatment and distribution of water shall be maintained, at a minimum so as to function as intended.”
 - (a) The conventional pressure tank is partially buried. The portion that is exposed has corrosion. At the time of the site visit, there was no pressure in the distribution system. It could not be determined if the pressure tank was in operable condition.
 - (b) **If the conventional pressure tank will continue to be used, have the tank’s condition and operation professionally evaluated, and report the findings to Ohio EPA.**
 - (c) **If the pressure tank is inoperable or will no longer be used, electronically submit detail plans to install a new pressure tank or multiple pressure tanks (e.g., to account for an acceptable well pump runtime).**
 - a. Please note that any new pressure tanks installed at the public water system must be installed above grade, and not in the vault currently housing the original pressure tank.

- b. The tanks must be completely housed and heated for protection from both physical damage and freezing.

(d) Submit a written response within 30 days of the date of this letter detailing which corrective action will be taken and a schedule for completing the work.

- 5. In accordance with OAC Rule 3745-83-01(H)(1), "The owner and operator shall ensure that all facilities and equipment necessary for the treatment and distribution of water shall be maintained, at a minimum so as to function as intended."
 - (a) At the time of the site visit, the water softener appeared to be completely bypassed and not in service. The brine tank was empty. The operational status of the water softener could not be determined.
 - (b) Submit detail plans to remove the water softener from the public water system or, alternatively, restore the water softener to proper working order.**
 - (c) Submit a written response within 30 days of the date of this letter detailing which corrective action will be taken and a schedule for completing the work.**
- 6. In accordance with OAC Rule 3745-83-01(H)(1), "The owner and operator shall ensure that all facilities and equipment necessary for the treatment and distribution of water shall be maintained, at a minimum so as to function as intended."
 - (a) At the time of the site visit, the operational status of the chlorine feed system could not be determined.
 - (b) At the time of the site visit, the day tank for the chlorine feed system was not flat on the ground (e.g., sitting at an angle) and had two holes in the side of the tank.
 - (c) Submit detail plans to remove the chlorine feed system from the public water system or, alternatively, restore the chlorine feed system to working order (ensure the day tank is flat on the ground, seal the openings on the side of the tank, chemical feed is operating, etc.).**
 - (d) Submit a written response within 30 days of the date of this letter detailing which corrective action will be taken and a schedule for completing the work.**

If you have already resolved the violations listed above, thank you, and please provide documentation supporting compliance. If you have not yet addressed the violations, please submit a compliance plan on how the system plans to correct the violations cited above. Documentation of steps taken to return to compliance includes written correspondence, updated policies, and photographs, as appropriate, and may be submitted via the postal service or electronically to jacob.stalter@epa.ohio.gov.

Failure to comply with Chapter 6109 of the Ohio Revised Code and rules promulgated thereunder may result in an administrative or civil penalty. If circumstances delay resolution of violations, Mansfield Inn Motel shall submit written correspondence describing the steps that will be taken and dates when compliance will be achieved.

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Please note that the submission of any requested information to respond to this letter does not constitute waiver of Ohio EPA's authority to seek administrative or civil penalties as provided in Section 6109.23 and 6109.33 of the Ohio Revised Code.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or any other matter involving your water system, please feel free to contact me by email at jacob.stalter@epa.ohio.gov or by phone at 419.373.3144.

Sincerely,



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