The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

Michael P. Nolin
Commissioner

March 9, 2005

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Sam Conkling
Sant Bani School
19 Ashram Road
Sanbornton, NH 03269

Subject: Sanbornton – Public Water System: Sant Bani Middle Building (EPA #2075030)

Dear Mr. Conkling:

The records of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) show that Sant Bani Middle Building water system is classified as a public water system (PWS), as defined by RSA 485:1-a. A PWS is defined as any water system serving 15 or more services, or 25 or more people for 60 or more days per year. As such, the water system owner is required to submit samples to the State laboratory or a State-certified laboratory for coliform bacteria analysis in compliance with NH Administrative Rule Env-Ws 325.

DES records show that Standard Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) violations for total coliform bacteria, as defined in NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 315.01 have occurred and that letters of violation were issued for the following months:

January 2005 and February 2005

DES believes the MCL violations can be corrected and future violations prevented by taking the following actions:

1. **By March 23, 2005**, retain the services of a qualified water system consultant to address the system's water quality problems relative to the recent bacteriological occurrences; and

2. **By April 6, 2005**, submit to DES for review a copy of the consultant's report which shall include recommendations to correct the bacteria contamination; and

3. **By April 20, 2005**, submit to DES for review and approval an implementation schedule which identifies specific dates by which steps to correct the bacteria contamination will be accomplished.

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In the event compliance is not achieved within this period, DES may initiate formal action against you, including issuing an order requiring the deficiencies to be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding, and/or referring the matter to the NH Department of Justice for imposition of appropriate penalties.

The copy of the consultant's written report and the implementation schedule as requested above should be addressed as follows:

Anne S. Bailey
Department of Environmental Services
Water Supply Engineering Bureau
29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095

Please be reminded to carry out the public notice requirements and provide proof of public notice to DES for the February 2005 MCL violation.

To avoid future violations, please submit water samples according to the water system's Master Sampling Schedule, along with Barbara Davis' letters dated March 8, 2005, copies of which are enclosed.

Please contact Anne Bailey by phone at (603) 271-0672, or by e-mail at *abailey@des.state.nh.us* if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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for

Sarah Pillsbury, P.G., Administrator
Water Supply Engineering Bureau

Enclosures: MCL public notice form
Letters Dated March 8, 2005
Master Sampling Schedule

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cc: Gretchen R. Hamel, DES Legal Unit Administrator
Town of Sanbornton Health Officer
John Benham, Pump Systems, Inc., Primary Operator (w/encl.)
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