August 18, 2026

Transmitted Electronically

Mr. Jay Fleming, Safety Service Director
City of Van Wert
515 E. Main St.
Van Wert, Ohio 45891

Re: **Van Wert City**
Compliance Review
Correspondence
Drinking Water Program
Van Wert County
PWS ID: OH8100611

Subject: **Operational Evaluation Level Report Acceptance Letter – Second Quarter 2026**

Dear Mr. Fleming,

On Aug. 11, 2026, Ohio EPA received an operational evaluation level (OEL) report for the City of Van Wert. The report covers the second quarter of 2026 as required by the June 22, 2026, OEL exceedance letter from Ohio EPA.

In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-81-24(C), a public water system that exceeds the OEL must conduct an operational evaluation and submit a written report of the evaluation within 90 days of notification. The operational evaluation must include an examination of system treatment and distribution operational practices, including storage tank operations, excess storage capacity, distribution system flushing, changes in sources or source water quality, and treatment changes or problems that may contribute to disinfection byproduct (DBP) formation and what steps could be considered to minimize future exceedances.

Ohio EPA reviewed the OEL report and determined it is acceptable.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me by email at kimberly.burnham@epa.ohio.gov or by phone at 419.373.3102. If you have questions about any other matter involving your water system, please contact your inspector, Justin Bowerman at justin.bowerman@epa.ohio.gov or at 419.373.4118.

Sincerely,

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