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## **NOTICE**

March 22, 2010

Subject: Change in Fees to Collect Samples for Type II and Type III Water Supplies

Dear Type II and Type III Public Water Supply Owner/Operators:

In 1996, the Board of Health for District Health Department No. 2 (DHD #2) mandated that all required samples for Type II water supplies be collected by the health department. In 1997, the Board of Health entered into a contract to allow a contractual agent to collect most of these required samples. A & B Webb Enterprises, Inc. of Hale, Michigan has been the contractual agent since 2002 and has been responsible for collecting all required water samples for Type II and Type III water supplies. A & B Webb Enterprises, Inc. also conducts the business of Webb Well Drilling and has a d/b/a/ of R. Webb and Son Well Drilling.

On March 22, 2010 the Board of Health for District Health Department No. 2 renewed the water sampling contract with A & B Webb Enterprises for two (2) more years.

The new contract, effective April 1, 2010, will also incorporate a new sampling fee that adjusts for the price of gasoline. The current sample collection fee will remain at \$35.00 per WSSN, per visit, regardless of the number of samples taken - just as it has been for the last four (4) years.

However, now when the average cost of gasoline for the previous month increases (or decreases) to a certain rate, the sample collection fee will change. The following rate change is in effect April 1, 2010. Average gasoline price for the previous month:

Less than \$3.00/gal. - the sample collection fee will be \$35.00. \$3.00 to \$3.50 per/gal. - the sample collection fee will be \$36.00. \$3.51 to \$4.00 per/gal. - the sample collection fee will be \$37.00. \$4.01 to \$4.50 per/gal. - the sample collection fee will be \$38.00.

Webb Enterprises will continue to send water samples to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRE) Laboratory in Lansing. The MDNRE lab will continue to bill each water supply directly for laboratory analysis fees. If you do not currently have a Drinking Water Laboratory credit account number, you must contact the MDNRE laboratory at (517) 335-8184 (ask for accounting department) to set up this account.

Health department staff will continue to be involved with sampling when water quality problems occur and upon installation of new wells. As always, we are available at any time and encourage you to call us with any problems or questions.

Water sampling of your public water supply, aside from being required by state law, does provide you and the public you serve with ongoing records that your water supply is in compliance with regulations for public water supplies.

Please feel free to contact me at 989-343-1803 if you have any questions on this matter or if I can be of any assistance to you.

Yours very truly, Douglas W. Getty, Environmental Health Director