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August 11, 2004

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Affeldt
10350 Old Frederick Road
Woodstock, Maryland 21163

RE: **ORDER to Connect to the
Public Water System**
10350 Old Frederick Road
Woodstock, Maryland 21163

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Affeldt:

You were referred to us from Howard County Permits Office regarding efforts to connect to the public water supply system due to ongoing water quality issues and the fact that these quality concerns are worsening. Howard County verified that your property is accessible to public water but your property is outside the Metropolitan District.

Additionally, you provided information to this office that the well is the original well (constructed in 1953) and has not subsequently been upgraded. Existing treatment (sediment filter) is becoming harder to maintain due to the worsening of quality. Samples to confirm these problems have been submitted to the State Laboratory (visual appearances clearly demonstrate problems with water quality). The age of the well and increased likelihood of potential bacterial contamination is also a concern.

Based upon the aforementioned information, the age of the existing well (approximately 51 years old) and departmental evaluation, the on-going quality concerns of water available from your current pit well creates a condition that is considered a potential threat to health as described in Howard County Code Section 12.105.

Therefore, pursuant to provisions of Section 12.105 as amended by Council Bill 32-2002, you are hereby **ORDERED** to apply for the necessary permits and begin the process for connection to the public water supply within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. Contact Ms. Diana Mason at (410) 313 - 3372 for assistance. Barring any unusual processing delays or extreme weather conditions, connection to the public water supply shall occur within sixty (60) days of receipt of this letter. **In addition**, you are required to abandon the existing well and leave it in such a way that it cannot be used or be a health threat. This must be accomplished by abandonment and sealing in conformance with COMAR 26.04.04.11. Abandonment shall occur within thirty (30) days following connection to public water.

John,

9/23/04

Connection was
made yesterday (9/22/04). per
plumbing inspections.

Hank

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This decision may be appealed to the Board of Health. If you choose to appeal, you shall file a written request to the executive secretary of the Board of Health (at the above address) within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order.

Failure to comply with this order shall be grounds for further enforcement action(s) as set forth in Section 12 of the Howard County Code.

If you have any questions, contact Robert Weber or myself at (410) 313-2640.

Sincerely,



Penny E. Borenstein, M.D.
Health Officer

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