



GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY • AHENSIAN PRUTEKSIÓN LINA'LA' GUÁHAN

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Date: **JAN 15 2025**

Mr. Allan Fontanilla
Executive Vice President
Guam Regional Medical City
P.O. BOX 333 ROUTE 3
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Re: Compliance Order Achieved of the Guam EPA Safe Drinking Water Regulations
Guam Regional Medical City Water System
PWS ID#: GU0000019

Hafa Adai Mr. Fontanilla:

Pursuant to 10 Guam Code Annotated (GCA) Chapter 53, known as the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), Guam Environmental Protection Agency is authorized to perform any and all acts necessary to fulfill the functions and requirements of the Act in order to promulgate and enforce the Guam Primary and Secondary Drinking Water Regulations (GSDWR) covered under Guam Public Law No.35-115 that shall apply to each Public Water Systems (PWSs) in Guam including those owned and operated by the Government of Guam and Federal Agencies.

Guam Environmental Protection Agency (Guam EPA) received Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC) Water System's response letter to the Notice of Violation/Compliance Order dated January 8, 2025 of the following:

1. GRMC Water System's Notice of Defense Form admitting to the accusation in whole received on January 8, 2025.
2. GRMC Water System's Tier 3 public notification that GRMC posted on December 24, 2024 in a conspicuous place to notify its affected customers within one-year of receiving the Notice of Violation/Compliance Order.
3. GRMC Water System's Tier 3 Public Notification certification received on January 8, 2025.

This submission shall satisfy the Notice of Violation/Compliance Order that was issued to GRMC Water System for the Tier 3 Public Notification Failure to Report for Total Coliform Bacteria. Guam EPA Safe Drinking Water Program has determined that GRMC Water System has achieved the NOC/Compliance Order and has returned to compliance effective January 8, 2025.




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Guam Regional Medical City Water System
Compliance Order Achieved - Failure to Report - RTCR

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Juliana Mendoza, Environmental Health Specialist II at julie.mendoza@epa.guam.gov, Ms. Nicole Diras, Environmental Health Specialist I, at nicole.diras@epa.guam.gov or our Acting Chief Engineer Johnny Abedania at johnny.abedania@epa.guam.gov.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase,


MICHELLE C.R. LASTIMOZA
Administrator

Cc: Ms. Luis Garcia-Bakarich, USEPA Region 9
Mr. Everett Pringle, USEPA Region 9 Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division
Attorney General Office

Attachments:

Tier 3 Public Notice
Public Notice for Problem Corrected Form
Public Notice Certification Form
Notice of Defense





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GUAM EPA CASE# _____

NOTICE OF DEFENSE

I, GRMC_Guam Regional Medical City / Roger Arellano, have received your Notice of Violations and/or Order of Compliance, dated December 12, 2024, charging me for violations, and I wish to:

(Please check appropriate sections)

☐ A. Request for a hearing and

☐ 1. Object to the accusation on the ground that it does not state acts or omissions upon which the Agency can proceed.

☐ 2. Object to the form of accusation on the ground that it is so indefinite or ambiguous that I cannot identify the infraction or prepare my defense.

☐ 3. Wish to prepare new matter in my defense.

☒ 4. Admit to the accusation in part.

☐ B. Admit the accusation in whole.

My mailing address is:

133 Route 3, Dededo, Guam 96929 or

P.O box 3830 Hagatna, Guam 96932

Signature:

Date:

December 23, 2024



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Reporting Requirement(s) Not Met for Guam Regional Medical City

We are required to report the results of monitoring of our drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis and for the month of November 2024 be submitted by December 10, 2024. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. By December 10, 2024, we were not able to submit the report which shows results of monitoring or of the assessment for Total Coliform.

Our system failed to notify the state drinking water program as required by December 10, 2024. Although public health was not impacted, our customers, have a right to know what happened and what we did we do to correct the situation.

What should we do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time. Water supplied to the hospital is being treated and monitored of possible contaminants every 2- hours, 7 days a week. Results show on the monitoring that GRMC water supply is in compliance with the parameters set by the National Water Drinking Standard.

What is being done?

While we did not notify the state as quickly as we should have, we have submitted our November 2024 drinking water bacteriological results to Guam Environmental Protection Agency. The report for November 2024 was submitted on December 11, 2024. We are no longer in violation.

For more information, please contact GRMC_ Guam Regional Medical City/ Roger Arellano at phone number 671 686 9848] or P.O box 3830 Hagatna, Guam 96932.

** Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail. **

This notice is being sent by GRMC_ Guam Regional Medical City, State Water System ID#GU0000019.

Date distributed: 12/23/24.

Public Notice Certification

I/We GRMC/ Roger Arellano_ certify that the public notice(s) that I am submitting here before you have been posted, hand delivered, mailed, published in the newspaper, or submitted to the media (T.V. / Radio station). I also acknowledge that anybody who knowingly and willfully makes false statement, presentation, or certification in any application, records, report plan or other documentation filed or required to be maintained under the Guam Safe Drinking Water Regulations, or by any certification, or order issued under the Guam Safe Drinking Water Regulations, or who falsifies, tampers with or knowingly renders inaccurate information shall be subject to the penalties.

Notice distributed by _Posting at Hospital area_____ on ____12/24/24_____
(Method of Notification) (Date of Notification)

Public Notice Locations: __Guam Regional Medical City__.

Public Notice has required Elements;

- ☒ A description of the violation (MCL or FTM, etc...)
- ☐ When the violation or situation occurred (MCL or FTM, etc...)
- ☐ Potential adverse health effects, using the standard mandatory language(MCL)
- ☐ Population at risk (MCL)
- ☐ Whether alternative water supply is needed (MCL or FTM, etc...)
- ☐ Actions consumers should take to reduce their exposure to the contaminant (MCL)
- ☒ What are you doing to correct the violation or situation (MCL or FTM, etc...)
- ☐ When you expect to return to compliance (MCL or FTM, etc...)
- ☐ Name, business address, and phone number for additional information, and (MCL or FTM, etc...)
- ☐ Standard language encouraging distribution to all persons served. (Where applicable)

(Signature of PWS contact)

Facilities /CUP Manager
(PWS contact title)

Guam Regional Medical City_____
(PWS Name)

GU 0000019_____
(PWS I.D. Number)

DRINKING WATER PROBLEM CORRECTED

Customers of Guam Regional Medical City were notified on December 24, 2024 of a problem with our drinking water and were advised to report the results of monitoring of our drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis and for the month of November 2024 be submitted by December 10, 2024. We are pleased to report that the problem has been corrected. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

As always, you may contact , Guam Regional Medical City/ Roger Arellano at phone number 671 686 9848] or P.O box 3830 Hagatna, Guam 96932

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This notice is being sent to you by Guam Regional Medical City. State Water System ID#: GU0000019. Date distributed: January 10, 2025.

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