

**Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation**  
**Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division**  
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*Agency of Natural Resources*

Winhall Stratton Fire District #1  
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March 9, 2026

**NOTICE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION (NOAV)**

Dear Winhall Stratton Fire District #1 ,

The Agency of Natural Resources (Agency) has found that you are in violation of the Vermont Water Supply Rule (Rule). Specifically, our records indicate that you failed to monitor for **Synthetic Organic Chemicals** as per the table below at Winhall Stratton F D 1(water system), VT0005305, in violation of Section 6.1.1 of the Rule.

<b>Required number of samples</b>	<b>Sampling Location</b>	<b>Monitoring Period when samples were required to be collected</b>	<b>Number of samples collected during Monitoring Period</b>
1	TP002 – Golf Course Wells (30,31,33)	Fourth Quarter 2025	0

**Compliance Directives:**

1. **Within 45 days** of being notified, monitor for the contaminants listed above and submit a copy of the test results to the Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division (Division);
2. **Within 12 months** of the date of this letter follow the instructions to complete and issue the enclosed public notice; and
3. **Within 10 days** of issuing the public notice, complete the online [Public Notice Certification of Delivery form](#) to submit an electronic copy of both the issued notice and the signed certification to the Division. Failure to issue timely public notice is an additional violation of the Rule.

In response to the alleged violation, the Agency may issue a Civil Complaint pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 8019 which would assess a penalty. The Agency may also issue an Administrative Order pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 8008 which would require full compliance with all applicable statutes, rules, and/or permits; assess penalties; and if necessary, require corrective/restorative action and

any other measures deemed appropriate. Prompt correction of the alleged violation may lessen the possibility or severity of any enforcement action taken by the Agency.

If you have any questions about this alleged violation or need information on how to comply, please contact Bryan Maxham by email at [bryan.maxham@vermont.gov](mailto:bryan.maxham@vermont.gov) or by phone at 802-480-1324.

Sincerely,

Julia S. Moore, Secretary  
Vermont Agency of Natural Resources



By:

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Janelle S. Wilbur, Compliance Section Supervisor  
Department of Environmental Conservation  
Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division

Encl: Public Notice Instructions  
Public Notice Template & Certification Form

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WSID File VT0005305

## Instructions for Monitoring Violations - Annual Notice

This is a Tier 3 violation. You must provide public notice to persons served within 12 months after you learn of a Tier 3 violation. The public notice must be reissued annually for as long as the situation exists. Use one or more of the following methods to deliver the notice to consumers:

Community systems must use one of the following:

- Hand or direct delivery (i.e., door to door)
- Mail, as a separate notice, included with a bill, or with the **Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)** as long as it is issued within 1 year of being notified of the violation

Non-Community systems must use one of the following:

- Posting in conspicuous locations
- Hand delivery
- Mail

In addition, both community and non-community systems must use another method reasonably calculated to reach others if all users would not be reached by the first method. Such methods could include VT-Alert, social media, email, Front Porch Forum, newspapers, radio, television, direct delivery to community organizations such as health care facilities, or additional mailing or delivery to apartment tenants. If you mail, post, or hand deliver, print your notice on your system's letterhead, if available.

The notice on the next page is appropriate for insertion in an annual notice or the Consumer Confidence Report (for community systems), as long as public notification timing and delivery requirements are met. You may need to modify the template for multiple monitoring violations. The template presents the violation in a table; however, you may write out an explanation for the violation if you wish.

You may need to modify the notice if you had any monitoring violations for which monitoring later showed a maximum contaminant level or other violation. In such cases, you should refer to the public notice you issued at that time.

Mandatory language for monitoring violations must be included as written (with blanks filled in) and is indicated with italics in the template. If you modify the notice, you may not alter this mandatory language, but it can be in italics or regular font.

### **What happened? What is being done?**

This section of the public notice **MUST** be completed prior to distributing. Describe why the situation exists and what corrective actions you took or will be taking. Listed below are some steps commonly taken by water systems with monitoring violations. Choose the appropriate language, or develop your own:

- We have since taken the required samples, as described in the last column of the table above. The samples showed we are meeting drinking water standards.
- We plan to take the required samples soon, as described in the last column of the table above.

### **After Issuing the Notice**

Submit a copy of each type of notice and the Public Notice Certification to the Division within ten (10) days from the time you issue the notice. The certification states that you have met all the public notice requirements. The Division suggests you inform your customers when the violation is resolved.

[Link to ANROnline public notice form](#)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**  
**Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Winhall Stratton F D 1, VT0005305**

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Even though this was not an emergency, customers have a right to know what happened.

*We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During **Fourth Quarter 2025** we **did not monitor or test** for **Synthetic Organic Chemicals** and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.*

**What should I do?**

There is nothing you need to do at this time.

**The table below summarizes our monitoring violation(s):**

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken during required monitoring period	Monitoring period when samples were required to be collected	When samples were or will be collected
Synthetic Organic Chemicals	1 per 3 years	0	Fourth Quarter 2025	

**What happened? What is being done?**

[The Water Department printed out an earlier version of the Monitoring Schedule that did not include the requirement for SOC sampling during the fourth quarter of 2025. We have completed the sampling in the first quarter of 2026.](#)

For more information, contact Margaret Dwyer at 802-258-0181 or PO Box 739, Stratton Mountain, VT 05155.

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

**CERTIFICATION Winhall Stratton F D 1, VT0005305**

Method(s) of Distribution: Direct mailing, post on Date Distributed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (e.g. hand or direct delivery, posting<sup>1</sup>, television, radio)

I Margaret Dwyer (print name) Certify, as the Responsible Person (or authorized representative) of the water system listed above that this public notice has been provided to customers in accordance with the delivery, content, and format requirements and deadlines in the Vermont Water Supply Rule (Chapter 21, Subchapter 21-10).

Signature: Margaret Dwyer Date: 3/13/26

*Within 10 days of issuance of public notice, complete [notice certification online](#), or send to:  
 VT-DEC, Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division, 1 National Life Drive – Davis 4, Montpelier, VT 05620-3521*

1 - Community Water Systems may use posting as a second method, but must also use radio, television, or hand or direct delivery.