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To: All Commercial and Residential Customers

From: Cleveland Division of Water – Backflow Prevention Unit (216) 664-3944

Subject: Auxiliary Water Supply

An auxiliary water supply is defined as any water supply on or available to the premises other than the public water system and includes water from the public water system if the water is stored and then redistributed.

Please note that any premises that has an auxiliary water source must have a reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly installed at the water meter. This requirement is due to the potential for the two sources to be inadvertently interconnected.

Cleveland Division of Water customers have two options:

1. If you choose to disconnect your auxiliary water supply our requirements are to:
 - a) Remove all equipment (electrical, holding tanks etc.)
 - b) Sever electrical at wellhead or cistern and cap head.
2. If you decide to keep your auxiliary water supply an approved reduced pressure principle backflow prevention device must be installed at the water meter.

Requirements for testing:

1. Upon Installation
2. Annually
3. Upon Repair

Testing must be performed by a person possessing a valid certificate of competence to test backflow prevention devices issued by the Cleveland Division of Water.

To ensure water quality an inspection will need to be conducted by the Backflow Prevention Unit within 30 days after connecting to the Cleveland Division of Water.