

# Safe Drinking Water Act Enforcement: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Mansfield Township Municipal Complex (New Jersey) Enter into Consent Agreement



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The United States Environmental Protection Agency and Mansfield Township Municipal Complex (“Township”) entered into a January 29th Consent Agreement and Final Order (“CAFO”) addressing an alleged violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act (“SDWA”). See Docket No. SDWA-02-2019-8404.

The CAFO provides that Mansfield Township operates the complex.

The Township is stated to own and/or operate a public water system within the meaning of Section 1401(4) of the SDWA. The complex is located in Port Murray, New Jersey.

The Township is also stated to be a supplier of water within the scope of the SDWA and provide piped water for human consumption while regularly serving a population of at least 25 individuals per day for at least six months per year. As a result, it is stated to be a transient non-community water system as defined by the SDWA.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is stated to have requested EPA assistance on March 20, 2018, to address the complex’s alleged violation of the RTCR. Such alleged violation is stated to have included a failure to complete a Level 2 Assessment within 30 days of being notified the Level 2 Assessment had been triggered.

EPA is stated to have issued on April 4, 2018, an Administrative Order requiring the complex to, among other things, complete and submit a Level 2 Assessment as required by C.F.R. Part 141 Subpart Y. The federal agency is stated to have made attempts to collect information required the Administrative Order. The Township submitted a Level 2 Assessment and sampling site plan to EPA and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection which were approved by the state on October 4, 2019. EPA has determined that the Township has satisfied the compliance requirements of the Administrative Order and it is now closed.

A civil penalty of \$1,000 is assessed.

A copy of the CAFO can be downloaded [here](#).