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Jim Anderson
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Dear Mr. Anderson:

This letter regards the City of Port St. Joe's public water system. It has come to our attention that the city included a statement in 3,958 water bills sent to customers in April that inaccurately reported that the city had detected 12 contaminants above the EPA acceptable level. Although the city issued a corrected statement, the initial billing statement has caused concern among some citizens with respect to water quality.

On behalf of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, I would like to assure you that the water quality produced by the city's state-of-the-art surface water treatment plant complies with state and Federal Safe Drinking Water Act standards. The 12 contaminants that were detected are all well below the respective, established maximum levels and do not require any action by the water system at this time. In addition, we have carefully reviewed information contained within the city's Consumer Confidence Report for 2016 and found that it accurately reflects the city's water quality as reported to the department for calendar year 2016.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call John Pope at (850) 595-0633, or email john.pope@dep.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Mullins Orr".

Elizabeth Mullins Orr
Assistant District Director

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c: Larry McClamma (lmclamma@psj.fl.gov)