Settlement of Federal Enforcement Action Alleging Safe Drinking Water Violations

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On March 16th, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provided notice in the Federal Register of the lodging of a consent decree in <u>United States v. Evenhouse Enterprises, Inc., No. 10–CV–2056 (C.D. Ill.)</u>, which concerned two separate community water systems serving the Skyview subdivision mobile home park and the Windmill estate subdivision mobile home park, both of which are located in Kankakee County, Illinois. EPA alleged that the defendant failed to comply with the monitoring, reporting, public notification, and record-keeping requirements of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations.

Under the terms of the consent decree, the defendant must must pay a total civil penalty of \$20,000. Also, the defendant will be required to take samples from its public water system to monitor for various contaminants and provide the results to the EPA on a quarterly basis; to prepare and distribute Consumer Confidence Reports; to provide public notification of any violations found in its monitoring process; and to obtain a Responsible Person in Charge and Certified Operator for Skyview and Windmill.

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