



October 9, 2017

Re: Drought Warning – Immediate Attention Required

Dear Commercial Food Service Establishment:

As you may already know, a **Drought Warning** has been issued for the Charlottesville and Albemarle County region. The declaration of a Drought Warning is based on many factors, including current reservoir levels, stream flow data, historical weather information and future weather predictions. At this time, we are particularly concerned with the declining level of the South Fork Rivanna Reservoir, which is less than half full. **Demand from many sources could rapidly deplete our supply to a dangerously low level.**

The issuance of a Drought Warning results in a variety of mandatory water restrictions for all customers, both residential and commercial. **Mandatory** restrictions that may relate to your facility include:

- The serving of drinking water in restaurants is prohibited, except upon request.
- Unless required by state or local laws or when performed by a licensed commercial power washing company, the cleaning of any street, driveway, parking lot, service station apron, outside of buildings or any other outside surface is prohibited.
- The washing of any car, truck, trailer or any other type of mobile equipment except at a certified commercial vehicle wash facility is prohibited.
- The operation of any ornamental fountain or other structure with a similar use of water is prohibited.

The failure to comply with the restrictions noted above shall result in a penalty of \$500.

We apologize for the inconvenience, and thank you in advance for your cooperation during this difficult water emergency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary O'Connell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Gary O'Connell
Executive Director