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ACTING DIRECTOR

September 14, 2023

Frits Hartgers  
9339 Oriole Drive  
Coopersville, MI 49404

RE: License #: AF700015790  
Investigation #: 2023A0350035  
American Homestead

Dear Mr. Hartgers:

Attached is the Special Investigation Report for the above referenced facility. Due to the violations identified in the report, a written corrective action plan is required. The corrective action plan is due 15 days from the date of this letter and must include the following:

- How compliance with each rule will be achieved.
- Who is directly responsible for implementing the corrective action for each violation.
- Specific time frames for each violation as to when the correction will be completed or implemented.
- How continuing compliance will be maintained once compliance is achieved.
- The signature of the responsible party and a date.

If you desire technical assistance in addressing these issues, please contact me. In any event, the corrective action plan is due within 15 days. Failure to submit an acceptable corrective action plan will result in disciplinary action.

Please review the enclosed documentation for accuracy and contact me with any questions. In the event that I am not available, and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the local office at (616) 356-0100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Tschirhart', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
BUREAU OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SYSTEMS  
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT**

**I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

<b>License #:</b>	AF700015790
<b>Investigation #:</b>	2023A0350035
<b>Complaint Receipt Date:</b>	09/13/2023
<b>Investigation Initiation Date:</b>	09/13/2023
<b>Report Due Date:</b>	10/13/2023
<b>Licensee Name:</b>	Frits Hartgers
<b>Licensee Address:</b>	9339 Oriole Drive Coopersville, MI 49404
<b>Licensee Telephone #:</b>	(616) 350-6092
<b>Administrator:</b>	N/A
<b>Licensee Designee:</b>	N/A
<b>Name of Facility:</b>	American Homestead
<b>Facility Address:</b>	9339 Oriole Drive Coopersville, MI 49404
<b>Facility Telephone #:</b>	(616) 350-6092
<b>Original Issuance Date:</b>	01/23/1995
<b>License Status:</b>	REGULAR
<b>Effective Date:</b>	07/29/2023
<b>Expiration Date:</b>	07/28/2025
<b>Capacity:</b>	4
<b>Program Type:</b>	DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED MENTALLY ILL

**II. ALLEGATION(S)**

	<b>Violation Established?</b>
This home was given a "D" rating by the Health Department sanitarian upon completing an Environmental Health Inspection on 08/24/2023.	Yes

**III. METHODOLOGY**

09/13/2023	Special Investigation Intake 2023A0350035
09/13/2023	Special Investigation Initiated - Letter I received an Environmental Health Inspection Report dated 08/24/2023 showing a "D" rating
09/13/2023	Exit conference – Held with Frits Hartgers, Licensee

**ALLEGATION: This home was given a "D" rating by the Health Department sanitarian upon completing an Environmental Health Inspection on 08/24/2023.**

**INVESTIGATION:** On 09/13/2023, I opened this special investigation due to receiving an Environmental Health Inspection Report, which showed this home was given a "D" rating by the sanitarian upon completing an Environmental Health Inspection on 08/24/2023. Nicholas Arnold, the Sanitarian who performed this inspection, wrote in his report that the home was given a "D" rating because the, "Water sample from the well came back positive for coliform bacteria" and "The irrigation well is to be used for non-potable water only."

On 09/13/2023, I called and held an exit conference with Mr. Hartgers. I informed Mr. Hartgers that I was citing a violation of this rule and asked him if he was aware of the violations, and, if so, what measures he was or had taken to handle the problem. Mr. Hartgers stated that they have corrected the problems and have contacted the sanitarian for reinspection. Mr. Hartgers told me that the report states that even though the drinking water quality test results indicated the presence of coliform bacteria, "You can be assured that the sample results meet the Safe Drinking Water Criteria as no analyte tested exceeds the EPA Maximum Contaminant Level unless indicated by an " \* " in the "Qual" column." Mr. Hartgers also informed me that they called the sanitarian to schedule a reinspection but had to leave him a message on his voicemail.

<b>APPLICABLE RULE</b>	
<b>R 400.1424</b>	<b>Environmental health.</b>
	<b>(1) The water supply shall be adequate, of a safe and sanitary quality, and from an approved source. Hot and cold running water under pressure shall be provided.</b>
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	This home was given a "D" rating by the sanitarian upon completing an Environmental Health Inspection on 08/24/2023; therefore, violation of this rule has been established.
<b>CONCLUSION:</b>	<b>VIOLATION ESTABLISHED</b>

#### **IV. RECOMMENDATION**

Upon receipt of proof of a higher than "D" rating for this home's environmental health, I recommend that the status of this home's license be unchanged, and that this special investigation be closed.



September 13, 2023

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Ian Tschirhart  
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



September 14, 2023

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Jerry Hendrick  
Area Manager

Date