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ATTORNEY GENERAL MADIGAN FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST MOBILE HOME PARK OVER CONTAMINATED WATER

Court Grants Madigan's Request for Immediate Relief to Ensure Safe Temporary Drinking Water for Residents

Chicago – Attorney General Lisa Madigan today filed a lawsuit against Country Lane Mobile Home Park LLC, in Heyworth, Ill., over bacterial contamination in the park's public water supply. The court also entered an agreed preliminary injunction order requiring the park owner to provide residents with safe drinking water.

Madigan filed the complaint and agreed preliminary injunction order in McLean County Circuit Court against Country Lane Mobile Home Park LLC, which owns the Country Lane Mobile Home Park, at One Country Lane, near Heyworth, Ill. The agreed order entered today will require the owner to investigate the source of the contamination, operate continuous chlorination equipment, and provide residents with safe drinking water and bottled water in one of the park's common areas until the permanent public water supply is addressed.

According to Madigan's complaint, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) first cited the owner of the mobile home park in June after samples from the water supply tested positive for coliform bacteria. Additional routine water quality testing in August revealed the presence of E. coli. Residents have been advised to use only boiled or bottled water for consumption and food preparation.

"I filed a lawsuit against Country Lane Mobile Home Park to ensure residents immediately have access to safe water while the property owner remediates the contaminated water supply," Madigan said.

Under the agreed order, the mobile home park's owner must maintain the boil order as required by law and provide replacement drinking water while the owner investigates the source of the contamination. The company is also required to continue operating newly installed continuous chlorination equipment and provide regular status updates to the Madigan's office and the EPA. Madigan's lawsuit seeks to ensure residents have access to safe water on a permanent basis and asks for civil penalties.

Assistant Attorneys General Raymond Callery and Scott Marsik are handling the case for Madigan's Environmental Bureau.

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