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EPA REGION VIII HEARING CLERK

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SENT VIA REGULAR MAIL

The Honorable Joseph V. Koebbe, Mayor City of Hardin 406 North Cheyenne Street Hardin, MT 59034

Re: Closure of Order for Compliance under

Section 309 of the Clean Water Act Docket No. CWA-08-2008-0021

Dear Mayor Koebbe:

This letter is to inform you of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) decision to close the Findings of Violation and Order for Compliance, Docket No. CWA-08-2008-0021, issued to the City of Hardin on August 21, 2008. The EPA has determined that the City of Hardin has complied with the requirements of the Order and therefore we will close it at this time.

Please be aware that the City of Hardin is still required to comply with the Clean Water Act (Act) and its implementing regulations, specifically the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit requirements authorized pursuant to section 402 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1342, and found at 40 C.F.R. § 122 et seq. Violations of the Act may result in a court-imposed injunction and/or penalties of up to \$37,500 per day of violation.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or any other matters pertinent to compliance with the Act, the most knowledgeable people on my staff regarding these matters are David Rise, at (406) 457-5012, and Wendy Silver, Enforcement Attorney, at (303) 312-6637. Thank you for your assistance in resolving this matter.

Sincerely

Carson Coate, Media Supervisor

cc: Tina Artemis, Regional Hearing Clerk

Connie Howe, Director, Crow Tribe, Environmental Protection Program