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Peter J. Moore, Owner Thunder Basin Enterprises Mobile Home Park 103 State Highway 59 Douglas, WY 82633-2295

Re:

Emergency Administrative Order Violation

Docket No. SDWA-08-2011-0028

PWS ID # WY5601629

Dear Mr. Moore:

On March 2, 2011, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an Emergency Administrative Order (EAO) that ordered you and your former wife, Bonnie A. Smith-Moore, as owners and/or operators of the Grasslands Mobile Home Park public water system (now known as "Thunder Basin Enterprises Mobile Home Park" but referenced in this letter as "Grasslands" or as the "water system"), to take certain corrective measures to address uranium contamination at the water system. The EAO made a finding that the level of uranium in the water system may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health.

The EAO named you and Ms. Smith-Moore as Respondents. The EPA has since been informed that you and Ms. Smith-Moore have divorced and that Ms. Smith-Moore no longer has any ownership interest or control over the water system. If this information is not true, please notify this office immediately. If the EPA does not hear to the contrary from you within ten days of your receipt of this letter, the EPA will presume that you are the only Respondent named in the EAO who currently has an ownership interest or any control over the water system.

Information received by the EPA indicates that you are in violation of the EAO. Among other things, the EAO included the following requirements (quoted from items 5, 6, and 7 on pages 2 and 3 of the EAO):

Par. 5: Within 24 hours of receipt of this Order, Respondents shall notify the public of the results of the uranium sampling results described above and distribute a notice warning people not to drink the system's water. Directions on the required content for the public notice and warning are included in attachment A to this Order. Respondents shall submit a copy of the notice with a signed certification that it was completed to EPA within 24 hours of its distribution. Respondents shall continue the public notice as set forth in Attachment A until EPA provides written notification to discontinue public notice. Respondents must carry out the public notice and other notice requirements that EPA directs.

Although Ms. Smith-Moore notified the EPA in March 2011 that such a public notice was being provided, the EPA needs confirmation that this has continued under your sole ownership. Please provide this office with a certification that the public notice required by the EAO is still being provided. If this office does not receive such a certification within ten days of your receipt of this letter, this office will presume that public notice is not being provided.

Par. 6: Using the public notice required in paragraph 5, above, Respondents shall notify the public that an alternative potable water supply is available. The alternative water supply must be either 1) provided by a licensed water distributor, 2) purchased bottled water, or 3) provided by another public water system that meets the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations at 40 C.F.R. part 141("drinking water regulations") and shall be made available at no cost to all users of the water system as needed for drinking and cooking until Respondents receive written notification from EPA that alternative water is no longer necessary. Respondents shall provide at least two liters of potable water daily per person at a central location that is accessible to all persons served by the water system.

It is the EPA's understanding that bottled water is no longer being provided to the users of the water system. Within 10 days of receipt of this letter, you must provide the EPA with a copy of receipts for the purchase of bottled water for the months of May and June of 2012. Receipts for all bottled water purchased from this date forward must be received by the EPA the first day of each month. Otherwise, this office will assume that bottled water has not been provided in May and June of 2012 and that you do not intend to supply bottled water in the future.

Par. 7: Within 30 days of the effective date of this Order, Respondents shall provide EPA with a compliance plan and schedule that outlines actions to be taken that will ensure compliance with the uranium MCL. 40 C.F.R. § 141.66. The plan shall include proposed system modifications, estimated costs of modifications, and a schedule for completion of the project and compliance with the uranium MCL.

It was the EPA's understanding, based on conversations with Ms. Smith-Moore after the EAO was issued, that you and/or Ms. Smith-Moore had planned to close Grasslands by February 29, 2012. However, the EPA has since received information that Grasslands is still open. You are in violation of the requirement to submit a compliance plan and schedule. Please submit a compliance plan and schedule within thirty days of your receipt of this letter.

These violations are of significant concern to the EPA. My staff has tried on numerous occasions to contact you, but the efforts have been unsuccessful. Your telephone has been disconnected.

The EPA is considering additional enforcement action as a result of your non-compliance with the EAO. Violating an EAO may lead to (1) a penalty of up to \$16,500 per day per violation of the EAO, and/or (2) a court injunction ordering compliance. (Section 1431(b) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300i(b); 40 C.F.R. part 19.)

If you have any questions you may contact Kathelene Brainich at 1-800-227-8917, extension 6481, or (303) 312-6481. If you represented by an attorney who has questions, please ask the attorney to contact

Peggy Livingston, Enforcement Attorney, at 1-800-227-8917, extension 6858 or (303) 312-6858, or at the following address:

Peggy Livingston, Enforcement Attorney U.S. EPA, Region 8 (8ENF-L) 1595 Wynkoop Street Denver, Colorado 80202-1129

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Kimberly Pardue-Welch, Team Leader Drinking Water Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

cc: WY DEQ/DOH (via email)

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