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Tracy King, President
Fort Belknap Indian Community
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Harlem, MT 59526

Margaret Nicholson
Fort Belknap Agency Water System
RR 1, Box 61
Harlem, Montana 59526

Re: **Violation of Amended
Administrative Order and
Regulations**
Docket No. SDWA-08-2007-0069
Stage I Disinfectants and
Disinfection Byproducts Rule
Ft. Belknap Agency # 083090041C

Dear President King and Ms. Nicholson:

We are writing to inform you that, in October of 2010, the Fort Belknap Agency Water System (Ft. Belknap), failed to conduct sufficient chlorine residual monitoring in the distribution system, in violation of 40 C.F.R. §141.132(c) (1).

Ft. Belknap is required by the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWRs) to monitor chlorine residual in the distribution system at the same time and same location as the total coliform sampling, and to submit the monitoring results to EPA within ten (10) days following the end of each calendar quarter. Our records show that we have only received one (1) chlorine residual monitoring result for October of 2010; this does not match with the two (2) total coliform samples you took in October of 2010, in violation of 40 C.F.R. §141.132(c) (1). If the chlorine residual is not detectable, the value of "zero" must be recorded on the lab slip instead of leaving it blank.

Paragraph 7 on page 10 of the April 8, 2008 Amended Administrative Order also requires the Ft. Belknap Indian Community and Prairie Mountain Utilities to conduct this chlorine

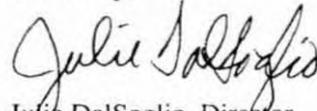


residual monitoring. The violation mentioned above is a violation of the Amended Order. Violating an Administrative Order may lead to (1) a penalty up to \$37,500 per day per violation of the Order and/or (2) a court injunction ordering compliance.

This violation requires that you issue a Tier 3 public notification (PN) under 40 C.F.R. §141.204(c). You must hand deliver, post, or mail your PN to all of your customers no later than one (1) year after the violation. Posting must continue for at least one (1) week. You must send us a copy of your notice including the date of publication, and a certification that you have met all of the PN requirements within ten (10) days after you issue it.

We will continue to work with you and ask your cooperation to rectify problems quickly to avoid penalties. If we can provide any assistance or training, or if you have any questions, please contact me at 406-457-5009 or Mary Wu, the DBPR Rule Manager, toll-free at 1-800-227-8917 ext. 312-6789, or by e-mail at wu.mary@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



Julie DalSoglio, Director
EPA Region 8 Montana Office

Enclosures: Tier 3 PNs

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