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## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 8

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Hearing Clerk

<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Amandeep Pandher, Register Agent and Owner, Akal Travel Center LLC akalenergy@yahoo.com

Re: Administrative Order issued to Amandeep Pandher and Akal Travel Center, LLC, regarding Akal Travel Center Public Water System, PWS ID WY5600313, Docket No. SDWA-08-2020-0046

## Dear Mr. Pandher:

Enclosed is an Administrative Order (Order) issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under the authority of section 1414(g) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g). Among other things, the Order alleges that you and Akal Travel Center LLC, as owner and operator of the Akal Travel Center Public Water System (System), have violated the EPA's drinking water regulations at 40 C.F.R. part 141 (Part 141). The EPA is issuing this Order because our previous compliance assurance efforts have not been effective in returning the System to compliance with Part 141.

The Order is effective upon the date received. Please review the Order and within 10 business days provide the EPA with any pertinent information you believe the EPA may not have (e.g., any monitoring that may have been done but not submitted, any updates to the number of service connections and/or individuals served). If the EPA does not hear from you, the EPA will assume this information is correct. If you comply with the Order, the EPA may close the Order without further action.

Failure to comply with the Order may trigger immediate action by the EPA, including a complaint seeking administrative penalties. The complaint may lead to assessment of civil penalties of up \$58,328 (as adjusted for inflation) per day of violation, a federal court injunction ordering compliance, or both.

The Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act (SBREFA) may apply to this situation. Enclosed is a small business information sheet, outlining compliance assistance resources available to small businesses and small entities, in case these are relevant. SBREFA does not eliminate the responsibility to comply with the Order or Part 141. Also enclosed are several templates and fact sheets to assist you in addressing the outstanding violations.

Please be aware that you are required to submit to the EPA a plan and schedule for bringing the System into compliance with Part 141. The EPA's approval of your schedule does not substitute for any other approval that may be required by any other governmental entity for modifying the System. The EPA encourages you to contact any such governmental agency or agencies regarding any applicable approval requirements.

If you have any questions or to request an informal conference with the EPA, please contact Christina Carballal via email at carballal-broome.christina@epa.gov or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6046 or (303) 312-6046. Any questions from the System's attorney should be directed to Mia Bearley, Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, via email at bearley.mia@epa.gov or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6554 or (303) 312-6554.

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

COLLEEN RATHBONE

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Colleen Rathbone, Chief Water Enforcement Branch Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

## Enclosures

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Melissa Haniewicz, EPA Regional Hearing Clerk