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June 9, 2023

SENT VIA EMAIL
DIGITAL READ RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Eldon Hongo, Owner
Bunkhouse Bar and Grill Public Water System
hongofam@live.com

Re: Emergency Administrative Order under Section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, Bunkhouse Bar and Grill Public Water System, PWS ID #WY5601129, Docket No. SDWA-08-2023-0012

Dear Mr. Hongo:

Enclosed is an Emergency Administrative Order (Order) issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to you, under section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300i.

The EPA has determined that conditions exist at the Bunkhouse Bar and Grill Public Water System (System) that may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the persons served by the System. The EPA has made this determination based on a notification from Wyoming Public Health Laboratory on June 8, 2023, that the System has *E. coli* contamination, as described in the Order.

Pursuant to the authority set forth in section 1431 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300i, the EPA is authorized to take actions necessary to protect human health. The Order and its requirements are necessary to ensure adequate protection of public health.

The enclosed Order sets forth the actions that must be taken to ensure that the people served by the System are provided with safe drinking water. The Order requires you to, among other things, take the following actions: issue a boil water advisory and provide an alternate source of water until notified by the EPA that you may discontinue; submit a plan and schedule for corrective actions; disinfect and flush the System; and take additional total coliform bacteria samples.

The penalties for failing to comply are set forth in the Order. If you have any questions or wish to discuss the Order, please contact Christina Carballal at (800) 227-8917 extension 6046 or (303) 312-6046, or by email at carballal-broome.christina@epa.gov. Questions from your attorney, if any, should be directed to Peggy Livingston, Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, (800) 227-8917, extension 6858, or at (303) 312-6858, or by email at livingston.peggy@epa.gov.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosures

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