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Mr. Dick Shuptrine, Director  
Squaw Creek Water District  
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Subj: Administrative Order issued to Squaw Creek Water District (Respondent) regarding  
Squaw Creek Water District Public Water System, PWS ID WY5600737,  
Docket No. SDWA-08-2024-0025

Dear Mr. Shuptrine:

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 Respondent, as owner and operator of the Squaw Creek Water District Public Water System (System), has 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 Respondent complies 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 to \$69,733 (as adjusted for inflation) per day of violation, a court injunction ordering compliance, or both. 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3; 40 C.F.R. part 19; 88 Fed. Reg. at 89309 (December 27, 2023).

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Please be aware that Respondent is required to submit to the EPA a plan and schedule for bringing the System into compliance with Part 141. The EPA's approval of Respondent's schedule does not substitute for any other approval that may be required by any other governmental entity for modifying the System. The EPA encourages Respondent 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](mailto:carballal-broome.christina@epa.gov) or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6046, or (303) 312-6046. Any questions from your attorney should be directed to Mia Bearley, Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, via email at [bearley.mia@epa.gov](mailto: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, Manager  
Water Enforcement Branch  
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

#### ENCLOSURES

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