



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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Ref: 8ENF-W

CERTIFIED MAIL LETTER  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Albany County Commissioners  
c/o Tim Sullivan, Chairman  
525 Grand Avenue  
Suite 202  
Laramie, WY 82070

Re: Notice of Safe Drinking Water Act  
Enforcement Action against  
Centennial Water and Sewer District  
PWS ID #WY5601232

Dear Commissioners:

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) notify locally elected officials of certain enforcement actions taken in their area.

EPA has issued an Administrative Order (Order) to Centennial Water and Sewer District, located in Centennial, Wyoming, directing it to comply with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations. The violations alleged in the Order include: failing to monitor the water for lead and copper contamination and failing to submit its Consumer Confidence Report on time to EPA.

For more details, a copy of the Order is enclosed. **The Order does not require any response or action by the County Commission.** If you have any questions regarding this Order, please contact Shawn McCaffrey at (303) 312-6515.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darcy O'Connor", written over a horizontal line.

Darcy O'Connor, Acting Director  
Technical Enforcement Program  
Office of Enforcement, Compliance  
and Environmental Justice

Enclosure  
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Centennial Water and Sewer District  
c/o Ron Copenhaver, Chairman  
121 E. Grand Ave.  
Suite 214  
Laramie, WY 82070-3600

Re: Administrative Order  
Docket No. **SDWA-08-2010-0028**  
Centennial Water and Sewer District  
Public Water System  
PWS ID# WY5601232

Dear Mr. Copenhaver:

Enclosed is an Administrative Order (Order) issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the authority of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 300f et seq. Among other things, the Order alleges that Centennial Water and Sewer District has violated the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (the drinking water regulations).

The Order is effective upon the date received. Please review the Order and within 10 days provide EPA with any information you believe EPA may not have. If the Centennial Water and Sewer District complies with the Order, EPA may close the Order without further action. Failure to comply with the Order may lead to substantial civil penalties and/or a Federal court injunction ordering compliance.

To submit information or request an informal conference with EPA, please contact Shawn McCaffrey at the above address (with the mailcode 8ENF-W) or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6515 or (303) 312-6515. Any questions from the district's attorney should be directed to Marc Weiner, Senior Enforcement Attorney, who may be reached at the above address (with the mailcode 8ENF-L) or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6913 or (303) 312-6913.

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darcy O'Connor', with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

Darcy O'Connor, Acting Director  
Water Technical Enforcement Program  
Office of Enforcement, Compliance  
and Environmental Justice

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cc: Dallas Talbott, Operator  
Tina Artemis, EPA Regional Hearing Clerk  
Wyoming DEQ (via email)  
Wyoming DOH (via email)

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Centennial Water and Sewer District, )  
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Respondent. \_\_\_\_\_ )

Docket No. **SDWA-08-2010-0028**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

1. This Order is issued under the authority vested in the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300f *et seq.* (the Act), as properly delegated to the undersigned officials.
2. Centennial Water and Sewer District (Respondent) is a municipality under Wyoming law that owns and/or operates the Centennial Water and Sewer District Water System (the system), which provides piped water to the public in Albany County, Wyoming, for human consumption.
3. The system is supplied by a ground water source consisting of two wells which provide water that is treated with granular ferric oxide adsorption to remove arsenic and sodium hypochlorite for disinfection.
4. The system has approximately 85 service connections used by year-round residents and/or regularly serves at least 150 year-round residents. Therefore, the system is a “public water system” and a “community water system” as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 141.2 and § 1401 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300f.
5. Respondent is subject to the Act and the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (drinking water regulations) at 40 C.F.R. part 141. The drinking water regulations are “applicable requirements” as defined in § 1414(i) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(i).
6. The drinking water regulations include monitoring requirements. EPA has sent Respondent annual notifications of the specific monitoring requirements that apply to the system.

VIOLATIONS

7. Respondent is required to monitor the system’s water triennially for lead and copper. 40 C.F.R. § 141.86(d). Based on the population served by the system, Respondent is required to collect at least 5 samples during each 3-year monitoring period. 40 C.F.R. § 141.86(c). Respondent most recently monitored the system’s water for lead and copper on August 30, 2006, and the next sampling was to be done between June 1, 2009, and September 30, 2009. Respondent failed to monitor the system’s water for lead and copper during that period and, therefore, violated this requirement.

8. Respondent is required to distribute an annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) to its customers and provide a copy of the report to EPA by July 1 of each year. 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.152(b) and 141.155(c). Respondent failed to submit a copy of its 2005, 2007, and 2008 CCR to EPA by July 1, 2006, 2008, and 2009 respectively, and, therefore, violated this requirement. Respondent submitted its 2005 CCR to EPA on July 26, 2006, its 2007 CCR to EPA on August 8, 2008, and its 2008 CCR to EPA on August 3, 2009.

9. Respondent is required to report any failure to comply with any of the drinking water regulations to EPA within 48 hours (except where a different reporting period is specified in the drinking water regulations). 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b). Respondent failed to report the violation listed in paragraph 7, above, to EPA and, therefore, violated this requirement.

### **ORDER**

Based on the above violations, Respondent is ordered to perform the following actions upon Respondent's receipt of this Order (unless a different deadline is specified below):

10. Between June 1, 2010, and September 30, 2010, Respondent shall monitor the system's water for lead and copper, and thereafter as directed by EPA in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 141.86(b), (c) and (d). Respondent shall report analytical results to EPA within the first 10 days following the end of the monitoring period, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.90. Respondent shall report any violation of lead and copper monitoring requirements to EPA within 48 hours, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b).

11. Upon receipt of this Order, Respondent shall complete and distribute an annual CCR for the system and provide EPA a copy of the CCR by July 1 of each year, and provide to EPA a certification that the report has been distributed by October 1 of each year. 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.152(b) and 141.155(c).

12. Respondent shall report any violation of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (except as noted above) to EPA within 48 hours. 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b).

13. Respondent shall direct all reporting required by this Order to:

U.S. EPA Region 8 (8P-W-DW)  
1595 Wynkoop Street  
Denver, CO 80202-1129



**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

14. This Order does not constitute a waiver, suspension, or modification of any requirement of the Act or drinking water regulations. Issuance of this Order is not an election by EPA to forgo any civil or criminal action.

15. Violation of any part of this Order or the drinking water regulations may subject Respondent to a civil penalty of up to \$37,500 (as adjusted for inflation) per day of violation. 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3; 40 C.F.R. part 19.

Issued: March 29, 2010.

David Rochlin

David Rochlin, Supervisory Attorney  
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