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CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

David Whittekiend, Forest Supervisor  
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest  
857 West South Jordan Parkway  
South Jordan, Utah 84095

Re: Administrative Order issued to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, for the Aspen Grove Campground Public Water System, PWS ID# UTAH26065,  
Docket No. SDWA-08-2015-0039

Dear Mr. Whittekiend:

Enclosed is an Administrative Order (Order) issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 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 the U.S. Department of Agriculture (Agency), as owner and/or operator of the Aspen Grove Campground public water system (System), located in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, has violated the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations at 40 C.F.R. part 141 (Drinking Water Regulations).

The Order is effective upon the date received. Please review the Order and within 10 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, public notice distributed, etc.). 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 lead to substantial civil administrative penalties.

The Order requires you to notify the public of having violated the Drinking Water Regulations. Enclosed please find a public notice template explaining the public notice requirements in more detail.

To submit information, to request paper copies of public notice forms and instructions, or to request an informal conference with the EPA, please contact Olive Hofstader at the above address (with the mailcode 8ENF-W) or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6467, or (303) 312-6467, or by email at [hofstader.olive@epa.gov](mailto:hofstader.olive@epa.gov). Any questions from your attorney should be directed to Mia Bearley, Enforcement Attorney, who may be reached at the above address (with

the mailcode 8ENF-L) or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6554, or (303) 312-6554, or by email at bearley.mia@epa.gov.

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Arturo Palomares, Director  
Water Technical Enforcement Program  
Office of Enforcement, Compliance,  
and Environmental Justice

Enclosures

1. Order
2. Public Notice Template

cc: Tina Artemis, EPA Regional Hearing Clerk  
Patti Fauver, UTDEQ Drinking Water Rule Section Manager (by email)  
Kim Martin, Forest Engineer, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest (by email)



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notification from the State of the significant deficiency. 40 C.F.R. § 141.403(a)(5)(i). Respondent is required to notify the State within 30 days of completion of a significant deficiency corrective action. 40 C.F.R. § 141.405(a)(2). On May 31, 2011, the State advised Respondent that a significant deficiency, inadequate elevation of well casing, previously identified by the State at the System was to be corrected by July 31, 2011. During an August 7, 2013, sanitary survey, the State noted this significant deficiency had not been corrected. Respondent did not correct the significant deficiency by July 31, 2011, and, therefore, violated the requirement.

9. Respondent is required to notify the public of certain violations of the Drinking Water Regulations. 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.201-141.211. Respondent failed to notify the public of the violation cited in paragraph 8, above, and, therefore, violated this requirement.

10. Respondent is required to report any failure to comply with any Drinking Water Regulation to the State within 48 hours (except where the Drinking Water Regulations specify a different time period). 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b). Respondent failed to report the violation cited in paragraph 8, above, to the State 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):

11. Prior to opening for the 2016 season, and as required by the Drinking Water Regulations thereafter, Respondent shall monitor the System's water for nitrate. 40 C.F.R. § 141.23. Within the first 10 days following the month in which sample results are received, Respondent shall (a) report any analytical results to the State, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(a), and (b) provide the EPA with a copy of this notification.

12. Within 10 days after receipt of this Order, Respondent shall consult with the State and the EPA regarding appropriate corrective actions for addressing the following significant deficiency AND within 60 days of receipt of this Order, submit a corrective action plan and schedule to the State and the EPA. 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.403(a)(4) and 403(a)(5).

- a. **Inadequate elevation of well casing.** The permanent casing for all ground water wells shall project at least 18 inches above the anticipated final ground surface and at least 12 inches above the anticipated pump house floor level. At sites subject to flooding, the top of the well casing shall terminate at least three feet above the 100-year flood level or the highest known flood elevation, whichever is higher.

13. The schedule required by paragraph 12, above, shall be incorporated into this Order as an enforceable requirement upon written approval by the State and the EPA.

14. Within 10 days after completing all tasks included in the schedule required by paragraph 12, above, Respondent shall notify the State and the EPA of the completion of the corrective actions, as

required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.405(a)(2). Respondent shall provide evidence to the State and the EPA, including photographs of the completed corrective actions and the following certification signed by a person of authority in the System that the corrective actions have been completed: "I certify under penalty of perjury that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, has completed all corrective actions to address the significant deficiencies identified during the August 7, 2013, sanitary survey site visit."

15. Respondent shall consult with the State regarding appropriate corrective actions within 30 days of receiving written notice of any significant deficiencies at the System which may be identified by the State, and complete corrective actions for those significant deficiencies within 120 days, or in compliance with a State-approved corrective action plan and schedule. Respondent shall notify the State and the EPA within 30 days of completion of a corrective action for a significant deficiency. 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.403(a)(4), 404(a), and 405(a)(2). Note: Significant deficiencies, if any, are identified by the State during sanitary surveys of public water systems.

16. Upon opening in 2016, Respondent shall notify the public of the violation cited in paragraph 8, above. Thereafter, following any future violation of the Drinking Water Regulations, Respondent shall comply with any applicable public notice provisions of 40 C.F.R. part 141, subpart Q. Within 10 days after providing public notice, Respondent shall submit a copy of the notice to the State and the EPA.

17. For any future violation of the Drinking Water Regulations for which this Order does not specify a reporting period, Respondent shall, within 48 hours (a) report that violation to the State as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b), and (b) provide the EPA a copy of this notification. However, if the Drinking Water Regulations specify a different time period for reporting the particular violation, Respondent shall report the violation to the State and to the EPA within that different period.

18. This Order shall be binding on Respondent, and any person (e.g., employee, contractor, or other agent) acting in concert with Respondent.

19. If Respondent (a) leases or sells the System to another person or entity, or (b) contracts with or hires any other person or entity to operate the System, Respondent shall, no later than the date of such lease, sale, or other contract, provide a copy of this Order to the lessee, purchaser, or contractor. No later than 10 days thereafter, Respondent shall notify the State and the EPA in writing of the lease, sale, or other contract, with such notification to include the name and contact information of the person who has leased, bought, or contracted to operate the System. Respondent shall remain obligated to comply with this Order even if Respondent leases the System to another person or entity or hires another person or entity to operate the System.

20. Respondent shall send all reporting and notifications required by this Order in writing to BOTH:

Olive Hofstader  
U.S. EPA Region 8 (ENF-W)  
1595 Wynkoop Street  
Denver, Colorado 80202-1129

AND

Patti Fauver, Rules Section Manager  
Utah Department of Environmental Quality  
Division of Drinking Water  
P.O. Box 144830  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4830

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

21. This Order shall not constitute a waiver, suspension, or modification of any requirement of the Act or the Drinking Water Regulations. Issuance of this Order is not an election by the EPA to forgo any civil or criminal action.

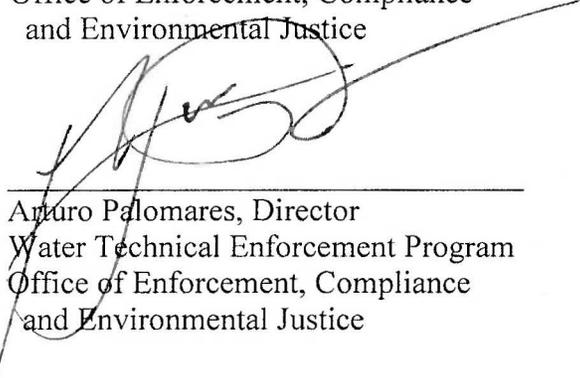
22. Violation of any part of this Order or the Drinking Water Regulations may subject Respondent to a civil penalty of up to \$32,500 (as adjusted for inflation) per day of violation. 42 U.S.C. §§ 300g-3; 300j-6; 300j-8; 40 C.F.R. part 19.

23. This Order is effective upon receipt by Respondent and will continue to be in effect until closed by the EPA.

Issued: September 23 2015.



James H. Eppers, Supervisory Attorney  
Legal Enforcement Program  
Office of Enforcement, Compliance  
and Environmental Justice



Arturo Palomares, Director  
Water Technical Enforcement Program  
Office of Enforcement, Compliance  
and Environmental Justice

## **DRINKING WATER NOTICE**

### **[System] Failed to [Correct a Significant Deficiency/Address a Fecal Indicator-Positive Source Sample] Within Required Time Frame**

Our water system [give system name] was required to take action to [correct a significant deficiency/address a fecal-indicator positive source sample] by [give date]. However, we failed to take action by the required date.

#### **What This Means**

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. We do not know of any cases of contamination. However, until the problem is corrected, there is an increased chance that disease-causing organisms could contaminate the water supply.

*\*Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.\** These symptoms, however, are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

**You may drink the water.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

#### **Steps We Are Taking**

[Describe corrective action.] We expect to have the [significant deficiency/source of fecal contamination] corrected by [give date].

For more information, please contact [name of contact] of [system] at [phone number] or [location/address].

*\*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.\**

This notice is being sent to you by [system]. State Water System ID#: \_\_\_\_\_.

Date distributed: \_\_\_\_\_.

# Instructions for GWR Failure to Take Corrective Action Within Required Time Frame Notice – Template NC-26

## Template on Reverse

A system's failure to take corrective action within the required timeframe or be in compliance with a state-approved corrective action plan and schedule for a fecal indicator-positive ground water source sample or significant deficiency under the Ground Water Rule (GWR) is a treatment technique violation and requires Tier 2 notification. You must provide public notice to persons served as soon as practical but within 30 days after you learn of the violation [40 CFR 141.203(b)]. You must issue a repeat notice every three months for as long as the violation persists. Your state may have more stringent requirements for treatment technique violations. Check with your state to make sure you meet all requirements.

If this notice is for failing to address a fecal indicator-positive source sample, a Tier 1 notice for detecting a fecal indicator in the source water should have already been issued. Consider providing the history of the situation in this notice (i.e., what events lead to requiring corrective action) to avoid confusing the public when this second notice is issued.

Noncommunity systems must use one of the following methods [40 CFR 141.203(c)]:

- Posting in conspicuous locations
- Hand or direct delivery
- Mail

You must also use *another* method reasonably calculated to reach others if they would not be reached by the first method [40 CFR 141.203(c)].

If you modify the notice, you must still include all required PN elements from 40 CFR 141.205(a) and leave the mandatory language unchanged (see below).

### Mandatory Language

Mandatory language on health effects (from Appendix B to Subpart Q) must be included as written (with blanks filled in) and is presented in this notice in italics with an asterisk on either end.

This template also includes mandatory language encouraging further distribution to persons who may not have received the notice [40 CFR 141.205(d)] and is presented in this notice in italics and with an asterisk on either end. However, if you post the notice such that all possible users have access to the notice, this language is not applicable and can be omitted.

### Corrective Action

In your notice, describe corrective actions you are taking. Listed below are some steps commonly taken by water systems with Ground Water Rule treatment technique violations. You can use one or more of the following statements, if appropriate, or develop your own text:

- Although we did not meet our deadline, we are now in consultation with the state to develop a corrective action plan.
- The [source of contamination/significant deficiency] has been identified and addressed.
- We have implemented a short term plan to address the immediate issue while we pursue the long-term solution.

### After Issuing the Notice

Make sure to send your state a copy of each type of notice and a certification that you have met all the public notification requirements within ten days after issuing the notice [40 CFR 141.31(d)].

It is a good idea to inform your consumers when the violation has been resolved, especially if you have regular customers. See Template NC-7 for a "problem corrected" notice template.