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Ms. Marcy Cobell, Superintendent
Heart Butte School District
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Subj: Administrative Order Addendum #6 regarding Heart Butte School Public Water System, PWS ID #083090009 Docket #**SDWA-08-2018-0025**

Dear Superintendent Cobell:

This is an Addendum to the Administrative Order (Order) issued to the Heart Butte School District (District) on July 18, 2018. The purpose of this letter is to approve the extension requested by Mr. K. Webb Galbreath, Blackfeet Nation Water Director, on August 27, 2025. Specifically, the EPA hereby extends the schedule (Schedule) deadlines an additional 60 days, as indicated in the table below. This extension is to resolve the System's failure to filter and disinfect violation by switching permanently to an alternate source of water from the Heart Butte Water System, PWS ID# 083090005. The Schedule is hereby incorporated into the Order pursuant to paragraph 19. Each milestone and deadline specified below is an enforceable provision of the Order.

<u>Milestone</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
New Storage Tank Designed	December 31, 2019 (Reported as completed).
Construction Award	May 31, 2023 (Reported as completed).
Begin Construction of Water Main to Heart Butte Water System	June 30, 2023 (Reported as completed).
Project Completion including Water Main, and Connection to Heart Butte Water System	June 30, 2025 (Reported as completed).
New Storage Tank Delivery to System	December 15, 2024 (Reported as complete
New Storage Tank Completion: water tank and water line working and delivering water to the school and its housing units.	October 1, 2025
Physical disconnection of Heart Butte School's Wells (WL03 and WL02) and Old Storage Tank (ST01) as a Drinking Water Supply	October 30, 2025
Notify the EPA of construction completion. Complete PWS Inventory Change Form and submit to the EPA: https://www.epa.gov/region8-waterops/epa-r8-public-water-system-inventory-change-form	November 30, 2025
Compliance with 40 C.F.R. part 141, subparts H and T	November 30, 2025

Within 10 calendar days of completing all steps included in the above Schedule, please notify the EPA of the project's completion as required by the Order. The Order also requires the District to achieve and maintain compliance with the with 40 C.F.R. part 141, subparts H and T, by the final date specified in the approved Schedule. The EPA is authorized to seek penalties if these deadlines are not met. If the District has a reasonable basis to believe it may be unable to meet any deadline in the Schedule, it must notify the EPA well in advance of the Scheduled deadline to request an extension. The EPA may, in its discretion, consider granting an extension.

As a reminder, you are required to provide the EPA with quarterly progress reports by the 10th day of the month following the end of the relevant quarter, pursuant to paragraph 20 of the Order.

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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 Company'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.

Sincerely,

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