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Mr. Ross Foster, Owner
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Subj: Administrative Order Addendum regarding the Hot Springs Court Public Water System, Docket #SDWA-08-2026-0050

Dear Mr. Foster:

This is an Addendum to the Administrative Order (Order) issued to you on July 27, 2026. The purpose of this letter is to approve your August 16, 2026 schedule (Schedule) for coming into consistent compliance with the fluoride maximum contaminant level (MCL). The Schedule is hereby incorporated into the Order pursuant to paragraph 11 of the Order. Each milestone and deadline specified below is an enforceable provision of the Order.

<u>Milestone</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Provide the EPA with quarterly progress reports.	By Jan 10, April 10, July 10, and October 10 of each year.
Finalize Preliminary Engineering Report (PER).	October 31, 2026
Review alternatives presented in the PER and select preferred alternative.	November 30, 2026
Meet with Sanders County regarding sponsorship of System for funding applications.	March 1, 2027
Submit funding applications.	April 15, 2027

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<u>Milestone</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Invitation for Construction bids and Construction Award.	May 31, 2027
Begin Construction of Fluoride Treatment System.	July 31, 2027
Complete Construction of Fluoride Treatment System	September 30, 2027
Achieve Compliance with the Fluoride MCL	September 30, 2028
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. Complete PWS Inventory Change Form and submit to the EPA: https://www.epa.gov/region8-waterops/epa-r8-public-water-system-inventory-change-form .	Within 10 days after completing all tasks included in the Schedule.

The Order also requires you to achieve and maintain compliance with the fluoride MCL by September 30, 2028. The EPA is authorized to seek penalties if these deadlines are not met. If you have a reasonable basis to believe you may be unable to meet any deadline in the Schedule, you 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.

If you have any questions or to request an informal conference with the EPA, please contact Rachel Brookins via email at brookins.rachel@epa.gov, or by phone at (303) 312-6509. Any questions from your attorney should be directed to Mia Bearley, Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, via email at bearley.mia@epa.gov or by phone at (303) 312-6554.

Sincerely,

Colleen Rathbone, Manager
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cc:

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