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The Honorable Alonzo Denney, Chairman
Santee Sioux Nation
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Dear Chairman Denney:

Re: Termination of Emergency Administrative Order for Compliance on Consent
Docket No. SDWA-07-2025-0238

On September 26, 2025, the Santee Sioux Nation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency entered into the emergency Administrative Order for Compliance on Consent (Order) referenced above to address bacterial contamination in the Nation's public water system.

The EPA has determined the Nation has addressed the endangerment presented by the contamination and hereby terminates the Order. The EPA's decision to terminate the Order is conditioned upon the accuracy of the representations made to the EPA by the Nation. This termination specifically pertains to the Order, and the EPA reserves its rights and authority under the SDWA and other applicable laws.

The Nation must continue to operate its public water system in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act and its implementing regulations which includes, among other things, maintaining the disinfection treatment required to achieve 4-log inactivation of viruses in compliance with the Ground Water Rule, 40 C.F.R. § 141, Subpart H. EPA Water Division staff will be reaching out to the Nation regarding the next steps for compliance with the Ground Water Rule and other compliance issues that have been identified at the public water system.

If you have any questions regarding this termination letter or the referenced enforcement action, please contact Lantz Tipton, of my staff, at (913) 551-7892 or by email at tipton.lantz@epa.gov, or Samantha Pappas in the Office of Regional Counsel at (913) 551-7924 or by email at pappas.samantha@epa.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation and dedication to maintaining safe and reliable drinking water for your community.

Sincerely,

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