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The Honorable Lisa Redding
Mayor, Town of Chugwater
townofchugwater@yahoo.com

Re: Administrative Order issued to the Town of Chugwater regarding The Town of Chugwater Public Water System, PWS ID # 5600200, Docket No. SDWA-08-2020-0042

Dear Mayor Redding:

Enclosed is an Administrative Order (Order) issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency 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 Town of Chugwater (Town), as owner and operator of the Town of Chugwater Public Water System (System), has violated the EPA's drinking water regulations at 40 C.F.R. part 141 (Part 141). The EPA is issuing this Order because our previous compliance assurance efforts have not been effective in returning the System to compliance with Part 141.

The Order is effective upon the date received. Please review the Order and within 10 business days provide the EPA with any pertinent information the Town believes the EPA may not have (e.g., any monitoring that may have been done but not submitted, any updates to the number of service connections and/or individuals served). If the EPA does not hear from the Town, the EPA will assume this information is correct. If the Town complies with the Order, the EPA may close the Order without further action. As a reminder, the public notices for the violations identified in paragraphs 7, 8, and 9 of the Order are due no later than December 31, 2020.

Failure to comply with the Order may trigger immediate action by the EPA, including a complaint seeking administrative penalties. The complaint may lead to assessment of civil penalties of up to \$58,328 (as adjusted for inflation) per day of violation, a federal court injunction ordering compliance, or both.

The Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act (SBREFA) may apply to this situation. Enclosed is a small business information sheet, outlining compliance assistance resources available to small businesses and small entities, in case these are relevant. SBREFA does not eliminate the responsibility to comply with the Order or Part 141. Also enclosed are several templates and fact sheets to assist you in addressing the outstanding violations.

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 Town's attorney should be directed to Sarah Rae, Assistant Regional Counsel, via email at rae.sarah@epa.gov or by phone at (303) 312-6839.

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

**COLLEEN
RATHBONE**

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Colleen Rathbone, Chief
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Enclosures

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