

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 8

IN THE MATTER OF:)
) Docket No. SDWA-08-2022-0020
Line Shack, LLC.,)
) **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**
Respondent.)
)
Line Shack Lodge Public Water System)
PWS ID #WY5601479)

1. This Order is issued under the authority vested in the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by section 1414(g) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (Act), 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g), as properly delegated to the undersigned official.
2. Line Shack, LLC, (Respondent) is a Wyoming corporation that owns and operates the Line Shack Lodge Public Water System (System), which provides piped water to the public in Fremont County, Wyoming, for human consumption.
3. The System is supplied by a groundwater source accessed via one well. The water is untreated. The System is operated seasonally from October through March.
4. The System has approximately 3 service connections and regularly serves an average of approximately 150 individuals daily at least 60 calendar days out of the year. Therefore, the System is a “public water system” as defined in section 1401(4) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300f(4), and 40 C.F.R. § 141.2. Further, the System is a non-community water system that does not regularly serve at least 25 of the same persons over six months per year and, as such, is also a “transient, non-community water system” as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 141.2.
5. Respondent is a “person” as defined in section 1401(12) of the Act, 42 U.S.C § 300f(12), and is subject to the Act and 40 C.F.R. part 141 (Part 141). Part 141 is an “applicable requirement” as defined in section 1414(i) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(i).
6. Part 141 includes monitoring requirements. The EPA has sent Respondent annual notifications of the specific monitoring requirements that apply to the System.

VIOLATIONS

7. Respondent is required to complete seasonal start-up procedures as required by 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.854-861. Prior to opening to the public each year, Respondent must send to the EPA a signed certification of its completed start-up procedures using the EPA’s approved checklist (see link in paragraph 15, below). Respondent failed to complete seasonal start-up procedures and/or failed to submit a signed copy of the completed checklist to the EPA prior to opening to the public in October of 2020 and 2021, and therefore, violated these requirements.
8. Respondent is required to monitor the System’s water annually for nitrate at every entry point to the distribution System which is representative of each well after treatment. 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.23(a)

and (d). Respondent failed to monitor the System's water for nitrate during 2020, and therefore, violated this requirement. Respondent sampled for nitrate on February 9, 2021.

9. Respondent is required to monitor the System's water monthly for total coliform bacteria from October to March each year. 40 C.F.R. § 141.853-858. Respondent failed to monitor the System's water for total coliform bacteria during December of 2020, January and December of 2021, and January and March of 2022, and therefore, violated this requirement.

10. Respondent is required to notify the public of certain violations of Part 141 and, within 10 calendar days after completing public notice, provide a copy of the public notice and certification to the EPA. 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.31(d) and 141.201-141.211. The violation identified in paragraph 7, above, is classified as a violation requiring Tier 2 public notice within 30 calendar days, according to 40 C.F.R. § 141.203. The EPA's records reflect that the Respondent failed to notify the public of the violation cited in paragraph 7, and failed to submit a copy of the public notice and certification to the EPA and therefore, violated this requirement.

11. Respondent is required to notify the public of certain violations of Part 141 and, within 10 calendar days after completing public notice, provide a copy of the public notice and certification to the EPA. 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.31(d) and 141.201-141.211. The violations identified in paragraphs 8 and 9, above, are classified as violations requiring Tier 3 public notice within 1 year, according to 40 C.F.R. § 141.204. The EPA's records reflect that the Respondent failed to notify the public of the violations cited in paragraphs 8 and 9 and failed to submit a copy of the public notice and certification to the EPA and therefore, violated this requirement. The deadline for public notice of the December of 2021 and January and March of 2022 violations cited in paragraph 9 has not yet passed.

12. Respondent is required to report any violation of total coliform monitoring requirements to the EPA within 10 calendar days after discovering the violation. 40 C.F.R. § 141.861(a)(4). Respondent failed to report the violations listed in paragraph 9, above, to the EPA and therefore, violated this requirement.

13. Respondent is required to report any failure to comply with any Part 141 to the EPA within 48 hours (except where Part 141 specifies a different time period). 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b). Respondent failed to report the violations cited in paragraphs 7 and 8, above, to the EPA and therefore, violated this requirement.

ORDER

Respondent is ordered to perform the following actions upon Respondent's receipt of this Order (unless a different deadline is specified below):

14. Respondent is ordered to comply with all provisions of the Act and Part 141, including but not limited to each requirement cited above.

15. Respondent shall complete seasonal start-up procedures as required by 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.854-861 before serving water to the public in 2022. The EPA approved start-up procedures checklist can be found at: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2014-12/documents/rtrc_seasonal_startup_checklist.pdf. Prior to opening to the public each year, Respondent shall send to the EPA a signed copy of the completed start-up procedures checklist.
16. Within 30 calendar days of opening for the 2022 season, and as required by Part 141 thereafter, Respondent shall monitor the System's water for nitrate, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.23(a) and (d). Respondent shall report results to the EPA within the first 10 calendar days following the end of the required monitoring period. 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(a).
17. Respondent shall monitor the System's water monthly for total coliform bacteria from October through March each year. If a sample is positive for total coliform, within 24 hours of being notified of the positive result, Respondent shall collect a set of three repeat samples for each total coliform-positive sample. 40 C.F.R. § 141.853-858.
18. Within 30 days of opening for the 2022 season, and quarterly thereafter as long as the violation cited in paragraph 7, above, persists, Respondent shall notify the public of this violation. Thereafter, following any future violation of Part 141, Respondent shall comply with any applicable public notice provisions of 40 C.F.R. part 141, subpart Q. Within 10 calendar days after providing public notice, Respondent shall submit a copy of the notice and certification to the EPA. 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(d). Templates and instructions are available at: <https://www.epa.gov/region8-waterops/reporting-forms-drinking-water-systems-wyoming-and-tribal-lands-epa-region-8#pn>.
19. Within 30 days of opening for the 2022 season, Respondent shall notify the public of the violations cited in paragraphs 8 and 9, above. Thereafter, following any future violation of Part 141, Respondent shall comply with any applicable public notice provisions of 40 C.F.R. part 141, subpart Q. Within 10 calendar days after providing public notice, Respondent shall submit a copy of the notice and certification to the EPA. 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(d). Templates and instructions are available at: <https://www.epa.gov/region8-waterops/reporting-forms-drinking-water-systems-wyoming-and-tribal-lands-epa-region-8#pn>.
20. Respondent shall report any violation of total coliform monitoring requirements to the EPA within 10 calendar days after discovering the violation and notify the public in accordance with subpart Q of this part, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.861(a)(4).
21. Respondent shall report any violation of Part 141 to the EPA within 48 hours of the violation occurring, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b). However, if a different time period for reporting is specified in this Order or Part 141, Respondent shall report within that different period.

22. 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 must, within 10 calendar days, provide a copy of this Order to the lessee, purchaser, or contractor and notify the EPA in writing of the change. In either of these circumstances, Respondent will remain obligated to comply with this Order.
23. Respondent must send all reporting and notifications required by this Order to the EPA at:

Email: R8DWU@epa.gov and latino.steven@epa.gov

GENERAL PROVISIONS

24. This Order is binding on Respondent, its successors and assigns, and any person (*e.g.*, employee, contractor, or other agent) acting in concert with Respondent.
25. This Order does not constitute a waiver, suspension, or modification of any requirement of the Act or Part 141. Issuance of this Order is not an election by the EPA to forgo any civil or criminal action.
26. Violation of any part of this Order, the Act, or Part 141 may subject Respondent to a civil administrative penalty of up to \$62,689 (as adjusted for inflation) per day of violation, a court injunction ordering compliance, or both. 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3; 40 C.F.R. part 19; 87 Fed. Reg. at 1679 (January 12, 2022).
27. Respondent may seek federal judicial review of this Order pursuant to section 1448(a) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300j-7(a).

Issued: July 27, 2022.

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