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The Honorable Mark L. Azure, President  
Fort Belknap Indian Community Council  
R.R.1, Box 66  
Harlem, Montana 59526

Acting Director  
Prairie Mountain Utility  
R.R. 1, Box 91  
Fort Belknap Agency, Montana 59526

Re: Closure of Emergency Administrative Order, Hays White Cow Public Water System  
Docket No. SDWA-08-2015-0044

Dear President Azure and Acting Prairie Mountain Utility Director:

This letter is to inform you of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) decision to close the Emergency Administrative Order (Emergency Order) issued on September 10, 2015, to the Fort Belknap Indian Community (FBIC) and Prairie Mountain Utility (Utility) as owners and/or operators of the Hays White Cow Public Water System. The EPA has determined that the FBIC and the Utility have completed all required actions of the Emergency Order and, therefore, the EPA will close the Emergency Order at this time.

Please be aware that the FBIC and the Utility are still required to comply with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations, 40 C.F.R. part 141.

The EPA thanks you and your staff for the actions taken to protect public health on the Fort Belknap Reservation. If you have any questions about the Emergency Order and its closure, please call Sienna Meredith at (800) 457-2690, extension 5026, or (406) 457-5026.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carson Coate".

Carson Coate, Media Unit Supervisor  
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