

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 8

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CERTIFIED MAIL LETTER
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Lincoln County Commissioners c/o Ken Connelly, Chairman 925 Sage Avenue, Suite 302 Kemmerer, WY 83101

Re:

Notice of Safe Drinking Water Act Enforcement Action against Flying Saddle Lodge PWS ID#5600604

Dear County Commissioners:

Pursuant to Section 1414(a)(2)(B) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (the Act), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is required to notify an appropriate locally elected official of any action taken in a State that does not have primary enforcement authority for public water systems. The State of Wyoming does not have primary enforcement authority for public water systems under the Act.

An Administrative Order is being issued under Section 1414 of the Act to Garaman Inc., owner of the Flying Saddle Lodge water system located in Alpine, Wyoming. This Order requires that the public water system take measures to return to compliance with the Act and the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWRs). The system is in violation of 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) §§ 141.21(a), 141.23(d), 141.21(g)(2), and 141.31(b) for failure to monitor for total coliform bacteria, failure to monitor for nitrate, and failure to notify EPA of above mentioned violations.

An Administrative Order, Docket No. SDWA-08-2007-0062 was incorrectly issued to Flying Saddle, LLC on June 15, 2007. EPA has closed this previous Order and is re-issuing the Order to Garaman Inc., the correct owner of Flying Saddle Lodge.

A copy of the Order is enclosed for your information. The Order does not require any response or action by the County Commission. If you have any questions regarding this Order, please contact Kimberly Pardue Welch at (303) 312-6983.

Sincerely,

Diane L. Sipe, Director

Technical Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

Enclosure

Administrative Order



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Abi Garaman, Registered Agent Garaman, Inc. 10 E. Broadway Jackson, WY 83001

Re:

Administrative Order

Docket No. SDWA-08-2007-0066

Garaman, Inc.

(The Flying Saddle Public Water System)

PWS ID #WY5600604

Dear Ms. Garaman:

Enclosed you will find an Administrative Order (Order), which the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued under the authority of the Safe Drinking Water Act (the Act), 42 U.S.C. Section 300f, et seq., and its implementing regulations. Among other things, the Order finds that as owner of the Flying Saddle Lodge Water System (the System), Garaman, Inc., (Respondent), is a supplier of water as defined by the Act and has violated the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWRs) at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) §§ 141.21(a), 141.23(d), 141.21(g)(2), and 141.31(b) for failure to monitor for total coliform bacteria, failure to monitor for nitrate, and failure to notify EPA of above mentioned violations.

If Garaman, Inc. complies with the enclosed Order for a period of at least twelve months, EPA may choose to close the Order. Violating the enclosed Order may lead to (1) a penalty of up to \$32,500 per day of violation of the Order, (2) a separate such penalty for violating the regulations themselves, and/or (3) a court injunction ordering compliance.

Please note that the effective date of the enclosed Order is the date of issuance. Within the next 10 days, please provide EPA with any new information that you believe the Agency is not aware of relating to the alleged violations in the Order. The information may be sent to Kimberly Pardue Welch at the address on the letterhead, include the mailcode 8ENF-W, or you may call Ms. Pardue Welch at (800) 227-8917, extension 6983, or (303) 312-6983. If you wish

to have an informal conference with EPA, you may also call or write Ms. Pardue Welch. If you are represented by an attorney or have legal questions, please call Thomas E. Sitz at the above 800 number, extension 6918, or at (303) 312-6918.

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Diane L. Sipe, Director

Technical Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

Enclosures

Administrative Order SBREFA fact sheet

cc: Mr. Ed Miller, Manager WY DEQ (via email) WY DOH (via email)

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IN THE MATTER OF)
Garaman, Inc.) EPA NEGION VID
Flying Saddle Lodge	HEARING DIERK
Respondent)
) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
Proceedings under Section 1414(g))
of the Safe Drinking Water Act,)
42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g)) Docket No. SDWA-08-2007-0066

The following Findings are made and Order issued under the authority vested in the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by Section 1414(g) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (the Act), 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g), and its implementing regulations, as properly delegated to the Supervisors of the Technical and Legal Enforcement Programs of the Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice, EPA Region 8.

FINDINGS

- Garaman, Inc. (Respondent) is a corporation under the laws of the State of
 Wyoming as of January 11, 1965 and therefore a "person" within the meaning of
 40 C.F.R. § 141.2.
- Respondent owns and/or operates a system, the Flying Saddle Lodge Water
 System (the System), located in Lincoln County, Wyoming for the provision to the public of piped water for human consumption.
- 3. The System has at least 15 service connections or regularly serves an average of at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year and is therefore a "public water system" within the meaning of Section 1401(4) of the Act, 42

- U.S.C. § 300f (4), and a "transient, non-community water system" within the meaning of 40 C.F.R. § 141.2.
- 4. Respondent owns and operates the System and therefore is a "supplier of water" within the meaning of Section 1401(5) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300f(5), and 40 C.F.R. §141.2. Respondent is therefore subject to the requirements of Part B of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g, and its implementing regulations, 40 C.F.R. Part 141.
- 5. Respondent operates a system that is supplied solely by a ground water source consisting of one well, which serves approximately 50 persons per day through 7 service connections and is open year round.

FINDINGS OF VIOLATION

I

- 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(a) requires non-community public water systems to monitor
 the water at least once per quarter that the system serves water to the public to
 determine compliance with the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for total
 coliform bacteria as stated in 40 C.F.R. § 141.63(a)(2).
- Respondent failed to monitor the water for contamination by total coliform bacteria during the 3rd (July – September) quarter in 2006, in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(a).

II

 40 C.F.R. § 141.23(d) requires public water systems to monitor annually for nitrate to determine compliance with the nitrate MCL as stated in 40 C.F.R. § 141.62(b). Respondent failed to monitor for nitrate in 2006, in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 141.23(d).

III

- 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2) requires public water systems that have failed to comply with a coliform monitoring requirement under 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(a) to report the violation to EPA within ten days after the system discovers the violation.
- Respondent failed to report to EPA the noncompliance detailed in Section I above, in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2).

IV

- 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b) requires public water systems to report any failure to comply with any NPDWRs to EPA within 48 hours.
- Respondent failed to report to EPA the noncompliance detailed in Section II, in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings, and pursuant to Section 1414(g) of the Act, IT IS ORDERED:

1. Upon the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall comply with the requirement of 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(a) to perform quarterly bacteriological monitoring to determine compliance with the MCLs as stated in 40 C.F.R. § 141.63(a)(2).

Respondent shall report analytical results to EPA within the first 10 days of the end of the monitoring period, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(a).

- 2. Within 30 days of the effective date of this Order and annually thereafter,
 Respondent shall comply with the nitrate monitoring requirements as stated in 40
 C.F.R. § 141.23(d) to determine compliance with the nitrate MCL appearing at 40
 C.F.R. § 141.62(b). Respondent shall report analytical results to EPA within the first 10 days following the month in which sample results are received, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(a).
- 3. Upon the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall comply with 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2) by reporting any failure to comply with coliform monitoring requirements under 40 C.F.R. § 141.21 to EPA within ten days after the system discovers the violation.
- 4. Upon the effective date of this Order, except where noted in Section 3 above, Respondent shall comply with 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b) by reporting any failure to comply with any National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (40 C.F.R. Part 141) to EPA within 48 hours.
- Reporting requirements specified in this Order shall be provided by certified mail
 to:

U. S. EPA Region 8 (8P-W-DW) 1595 Wynkoop Street Denver, CO 80202-1129

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1. This Order does not constitute a waiver, suspension, or modification of the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 141.1, et seq., or the Act, which remain in full force and effect. Issuance of this Order is not an election by EPA to forgo any civil or criminal action otherwise authorized under the Act.
- Violation of any term of this Order may subject the Respondents to an administrative civil penalty of up to \$27,500 under Section 1414(g)(3)(B) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g)(3)(B), or a civil penalty of not more than \$32,500 per day of violation assessed by an appropriate U.S. District Court under Section 1414(g)(3)(C) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g)(3)(C).
- 3. Violation of any requirement of the Act or its implementing regulations may subject Respondents to a civil penalty of not more than \$32,500 per day of violation assessed by an appropriate U.S. District Court under Section 1414(b) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(b).

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The effective date of this Order shall be the date of issuance of this Order.

David J. Janik, Acting Director Legal Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

Diane L. Sipe, Director
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and Environmental Justice