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The Honorable John Yellowbird Steele, President
Oglala Sioux Tribe
P.O. Box 2070
Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770-2070

RE: Closure of Emergency Administrative Order, Oglala Rural Water System Public Water System, PWS ID #4690480, Docket No. SDWA-08-2015-0028

Dear President Steele:

This letter is to inform you of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) decision to close the Emergency Administrative Order (Emergency Order) issued on July 24, 2015, to the Oglala Sioux Tribe (Tribe). The EPA has determined that the Tribe has completed all actions outlined in the Emergency Order and that the water provided by the Oglala Rural Water System public water system (System) no longer presents an imminent and substantial endangerment to persons served by the System. Therefore EPA will close the Emergency Order at this time.

Please be aware that the Tribe is still required to comply with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR), 40 C.F.R. part 141. Violation of the NPDWRs may result in a court-imposed injunction and penalties of up to \$37,500 per day of violation.

If you have any questions about this matter, please call Olive Hofstader at 303-312-6467.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Pardue-Welch, Team Leader
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