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The Honorable Brett James
Mayor, City of Wardell
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Dear Brett James:

Re: Termination of Unilateral Administrative Order
Docket No. SDWA-07-2025-0188

On August 4, 2025, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued a Unilateral Administrative Order (SDWA-07-2025-0188), under the authority of Section 1414(g) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g), to the City of Wardell Public Water Supply. The Order intended to address the System's violations of the SDWA regulations at 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.84 and 141.90, including failure to develop and/or submit an initial Service Line Inventory to the State by October 16, 2024. The Order established an enforceable schedule that required the System to submit the Service Line Inventory to the State, provide consumer notification and education about this issue, certify to the State that consumer notification was delivered, and confirm compliance with the EPA.

This letter serves as notice the EPA is terminating the referenced Order. Based on information submitted by the System, it appears the requirements of the Order have been met. EPA's decision to terminate the Order is conditioned upon the accuracy of the System's representations to the EPA and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources in response to the requirements of the Order.

Termination of the Order in no way relieves the System of its obligation to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act and all applicable statutes and regulations. The effect of this termination is limited to the requirements imposed under the Order. The EPA reserves its authorities, both legal and equitable, under the SDWA and any other statutory, regulatory, or common law authorities of the United States.

If you have any questions regarding this termination letter or the referenced enforcement action, please contact Morgan Hartwig, of my staff, at 913-551-7392 or by email at hartwig.morgan@epa.gov, or Melissa Bagley in the Office of Regional Counsel at 913-551-7522 or by email at bagley.melissa@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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