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AUG 22 2007

CERTIFIED MAIL LETTER  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Teton County Commissioners  
c/o Andy Schwartz, Chair  
P.O. Box 3594  
Jackson, WY 83001

Re: Notice of Safe Drinking Water Act  
Enforcement Action against  
Turpin Meadow Ranch  
PWS ID#5601091

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 Turpin Meadow Ranch Inc., operator / owner of the Turpin Meadow Ranch public water system located in Teton County, 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.

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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R. Scott Garland, Registered Agent  
Turpin Meadow Ranch, Inc.  
235 E Broadway  
P.O. Box 8498  
Jackson, WY 83001

Re: Administrative Order  
Docket No. **SDWA\_08-2007-0072**  
The Turpin Meadow Ranch Water System  
PWS ID #WY5601091

Dear Mr. Garland:

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 operator of the Turpin Meadow Ranch Water System (the System), Turpin Meadow Ranch, 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.

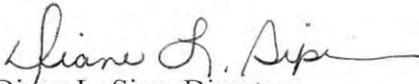
If Turpin Meadow Ranch, Inc. complies with the enclosed Order for a period of at least twelve months, EPA may choose to close the Order. Violating the enclosed Order may lead to (1) a penalty of up to \$32,500 per day of violation of the Order, (2) a separate such penalty for violating the regulations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

The NPDWRs requires public water systems to provide public notification of violations of the Act. The violations included in this Order are not yet overdue; however, for your convenience we have enclosed some template forms to assist you in providing the required public notice. If you have any questions or comments concerning the form of public notice, please do not hesitate to contact Kimberly Pardue Welch of EPA, whose telephone number is provided below.

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 Michelle Marcu at the above 800 number, extension 6921, or at (303) 312- 6921.

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  
Public Notice  
SBREFA fact sheet

cc: Kniffy Hamilton, USDA Forest Service Bridger-Teton National Forest  
Mark Oxford, Turpin Meadow Ranch  
WY DEQ (via email)  
WY DOH (via email)



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IN THE MATTER OF )  
Turpin Meadow Ranch, Inc. )  
Moran, WY )  
Respondent )  
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Proceedings under Section 1414(g) )  
of the Safe Drinking Water Act, )  
42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g) )  
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EPA REGION VIII  
HEARING OFFICE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Docket No. **SDWA-08-2007-0072**

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

1. Turpin Meadow Ranch, Inc. (Respondent) is a corporation under the laws of the State of Wyoming as of November 3, 2000 and therefore is a "person" within the meaning of 40 C.F.R. § 141.2.
2. Respondent owns and/or operates a system, the Turpin Meadow Ranch Water System (the System), located in Teton 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/or 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. According to a June 15, 2004 sanitary survey by Ms. Kaye Schneider and Mr. Chris Allred of AET Environmental, Inc., Respondent operates a system that is supplied solely by a ground water source consisting of one well operating since the late 1970's which serves approximately 70 persons per day through 23 service connections and is in operation year-round.

#### FINDINGS OF VIOLATION

##### I

1. 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).
2. Respondent failed to monitor the water for contamination by total coliform bacteria during the 3<sup>rd</sup> (July – September) quarter in 2006, 4<sup>th</sup> (October – December) quarter in 2006, and 1<sup>st</sup> (January – March) quarter in 2007 in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(a).

II

1. 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).
2. Respondent failed to monitor the water for nitrate in 2006, in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 141.23(d).

III

1. 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.
2. 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.

1. 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b) requires public water systems to report any failure to comply with any National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (40 C.F.R. Part 141) to EPA within 48 hours.
2. Respondent failed to report to EPA the noncompliance detailed in Section II above, 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, Respondent shall comply with 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b) by reporting any failure to comply with any National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (40 C.F.R. Part 141) to EPA within 48 hours.

5. Reporting requirements specified in this Order shall be provided by certified mail to:

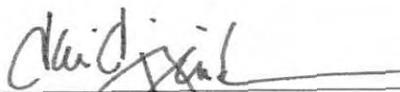
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GENERAL PROVISIONS

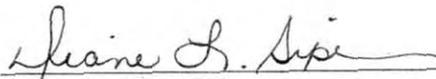
1. This Order does not constitute a waiver, suspension, or modification of the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 141.1, et seq., or the Act, which remain in full force and effect. Issuance of this Order is not an election by EPA to forgo any civil or criminal action otherwise authorized under the Act.
2. Violation of any term of this Order may subject the Respondent 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 Respondent 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).

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

Issued this 22nd day of August, 2007.



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



Diane L. Sipe, Director  
Technical Enforcement Program  
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