UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 8



IN THE MATTER OF:	
) Docket No. SDWA-08-2025-0023
South Riverside Acres Water Improvement)
District)
) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
Respondent.)
)
South Riverside Acres Water Improvement)
District Public Water System)
PWS ID #WY5601072)

- 1. This Order is issued under the authority vested in the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by section 1414(g) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (Act), 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g), as properly delegated to the undersigned official.
- 2. South Riverside Acres Water Improvement District (Respondent) is a public body created by or pursuant to Wyoming law that owns and operates the South Riverside Acres Water Improvement District Public Water System (System), which provides piped water to the public in Natrona County, Wyoming, for human consumption.
- 3. The System is supplied by a groundwater source accessed via two wells. The water is untreated.
- 4. The System has approximately 42 service connections used by year-round residents and regularly serves an average of approximately 125 year-round residents.

 Therefore, the System is a "public water system" and a "community water system" as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 141.2 and section 1401 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300f.
- 5. Respondent is a "person" as defined in section 1401(12) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300f(12) and is subject to the Act and 40 C.F.R. part 141 (Part 141). Part 141 is an "applicable requirement" as defined in section 1414(i) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(i).
- 6. Part 141 includes monitoring requirements. The EPA has sent Respondent annual notifications of the specific monitoring requirements that apply to the System.

VIOLATIONS

- 7. Respondent is required to deliver a consumer notice of individual tap monitoring results for lead to the persons served at each sampled site no later than 30 days after the System learns of the tap monitoring results, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 141.85(d). Within 90 calendar days following the end of each monitoring period, Respondent is required to submit to the EPA a sample copy of the consumer notification along with a certification that the notification has been distributed, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 141.90(f)(3). The EPA's record reflects that Respondent failed to deliver by October 26, 2021, October 26, 2023, and October 19, 2024, a consumer notice to the persons served at each sampled site and failed to submit a copy of the consumer notice and certification to the EPA by December 28, 2021, December 29, 2023, and December 29, 2024, respectively; and therefore, violated this requirement.
- 8. Respondent is required to monitor the System's water for radionuclides once every six years. 40 C.F.R. § 141.26(a)(3). Respondent failed to monitor the System's water for radionuclides during the 2015 to 2020 monitoring period and therefore, violated this requirement.
- 9. Respondent is required to monitor the System's water annually for nitrate at every entry point to the distribution system which is representative of each well after treatment. 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.23(a) and (d). Respondent failed to monitor the System's water for nitrate during 2020 and 2022 and therefore, violated this requirement. (Note: System subsequently collected a nitrate sample on December 24, 2021, and June 29, 2023, respectively).
- 10. Respondent is required to report any failure to comply with Part 141 to the EPA within 48 hours (except where Part 141 specifies a different time period). 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b). Respondent failed to report the violations cited in paragraphs 7 through 9, above, to the EPA and therefore, violated this requirement.

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ORDER

Respondent is ordered to perform the following actions upon Respondent's receipt of this Order (unless a different deadline is specified below):

- 11. Respondent is ordered to comply with all provisions of the Act and Part 141, including but not limited to each requirement cited above.
- 12. Within 30 calendar days after receipt of this Order, Respondent shall deliver a consumer notice of the 2021, 2023, and 2024 individual tap results from lead tap water monitoring to the persons served at each sampled site, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 141.85(d). Within 45 days after receipt of this Order, Respondent shall submit to the EPA a sample copy of the 2021, 2023, and 2024 consumer notification along with a certification that the notification has been distributed, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 141.90(f)(3). Templates and instructions are available at: https://www.epa.gov/region8-waterops/reporting-forms-drinking-water-systemswyoming-and-tribal-lands-epa-region-8#lcr. Thereafter, no later than 30 days after the System learns of the lead tap monitoring results, Respondent shall deliver a consumer notice of the individual tap results from lead tap water monitoring to the persons served at each sampled site, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 141.85(d). Within 90 calendar days following the end of each monitoring period, Respondent shall submit to the EPA a sample copy of the consumer notification along with a certification that the notification has been distributed, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 141.90(f)(3).
- 13. Within 30 calendar days after receipt of this Order, and as required by Part 141 thereafter, Respondent shall monitor the System's water for radionuclides in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 141.26(a). Respondent shall report results to the EPA within the first 10 calendar days following the end of the required monitoring period. 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(a).
- 14. Respondent shall monitor the System's water for nitrate in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.23(a) and (d). Respondent is next required to sample for nitrate during the 2025 monitoring period. Respondent shall report results to the EPA within the first 10 calendar days following the end of the required monitoring period. 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(a).

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- 15. For any future violation of Part 141 for which this Order does not specify a reporting period, Respondent must report the violation to the EPA within 48 hours of the violation occurring, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b). However, if Part 141 specifies a different time period for reporting the particular violation, Respondent must report the violation to the EPA within that different period.
- 16. If the population or number of connections served by the System falls below 25 individuals or 15 connections, Respondent must notify the EPA in writing within 10 calendar days by submitting a completed basic information form. The form is available at: https://www.epa.gov/region8-waterops/reporting-forms-drinking-water-systems-wyoming-and-tribal-lands-epa-region-8#new.
- 17. If Respondent (a) leases or sells the System to another person or entity, or (b) contracts with or hires any other person or entity to operate the System, Respondent must, within 10 calendar days, provide a copy of this Order to the lessee, purchaser, or contractor and notify the EPA in writing of the change. In either of these circumstances, Respondent will remain obligated to comply with this Order.
- 18. Respondent must send all reporting and notifications required by this Order to the EPA at:

Email: R8DWU@epa.gov, and

tyson.elizabeth@epa.gov

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 19. This Order is binding on Respondent and any person (*e.g.*, employee, contractor, or other agent) acting in concert with Respondent.
- 20. This Order does not constitute a waiver, suspension, or modification of any requirement of the Act or Part 141. Issuance of this Order is not an election by the EPA to forgo any civil or criminal action.
- 21. Violation of any part of this Order, the Act, or Part 141 may subject Respondent to a civil penalty of up to \$71,545 (as adjusted for inflation) per day of violation, a court injunction ordering compliance, or both. 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3; 40 C.F.R. part 19; 90 Fed. Reg. at 1375 (January 8, 2025).

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22. Respondent may seek federal judicial review of this Order pursuant to section 1448(a) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300j-7(a).

Issued: June 12, 2025.

Colleen Rathbone, Manager Water Enforcement Branch Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division