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Mr. Clifford Serawop, Superintendent
Bureau of Indian Affairs
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Re: Emergency Administrative Order under Section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act,
Crow Agency Water System (TP01), PWS ID #083090011
Docket No. **SDWA-08-2020-0025**

Dear Mr. Serawop:

Enclosed is an Emergency Administrative Order (Order) issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs under section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (Act), 42 U.S.C. § 300i.

The EPA has determined that conditions exist at the Crow Agency Public Water System (System) that may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the persons served by the System. The EPA has made this determination based on notification from the Bureau of Indian Affairs on April 22, 2020, that the System lost pressure.

Pursuant to the authority set forth in section 1431 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300i, the EPA is authorized to take actions necessary to protect human health. The Order and its requirements are necessary to ensure adequate protection of public health.

The enclosed Order sets forth the actions that must be taken to ensure that the people served by the System are provided with safe drinking water. The Order requires the System to, among other things, take the following actions: issue a boil water advisory and provide an alternate source of water until notified by the EPA to discontinue; submit a plan and schedule to resolve the pressure loss; disinfect and flush the System; and take additional total coliform bacteria samples.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the Order, please contact Olive Wittenberg at (800) 227-8917 extension 6467 or 303-312-6467, or by email at wittenberg.olive@epa.gov. Any questions from counsel should be directed to Peggy Livingston, Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, (800) 227-8917, extension 6858, or at (303) 312-6858, or by email at livingston.peggy@epa.gov.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: Missy Haniewicz, EPA Regional Hearing Clerk

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