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Boris B. Vukovich, Registered Agent Ascentia Real Estate Investment Company 2 West Dry Creek Circle, Suite 200 Littleton, Colorado 80120

# Re: Administrative Order issued to Skyline Village Mobile Home Park Public Water System, PWS ID # WY5601176, Docket No. **SDWA-08-2014-0053**

Dear Mr. Vukovich:

Enclosed is an Administrative Order (Order) issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the authority of section 1414(g) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g). Among other things, the Order alleges that Ascentia Real Estate Investment Company (Company), as owner and/or operator of the Skyline Village Mobile Home Park Public Water System (System), has violated the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (Drinking Water Regulations) at 40 C.F.R. part 141.

The Order is effective upon the date received. Please review the Order and within 10 days provide the EPA with any pertinent information you believe the EPA may not have (e.g., any monitoring that may have been done but not submitted, any updates to the number of service connections and/or individuals served, any changes in ownership, etc.).

If the Company complies with the Order, the EPA may close the Order without further action. Failure to comply with the Order may lead to substantial civil penalties and/or a federal court injunction ordering compliance.

The Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act (SBREFA) may apply to this situation. Enclosed is a small business information sheet, outlining compliance assistance resources available to small businesses and small governments, in case these are relevant. SBREFA does not eliminate the responsibility to comply with the Order or the Drinking Water Regulations.

Please be aware that if you have a future violation for failure to maintain compliance with the total coliform bacteria maximum contaminant level, you will be required to submit to the EPA a plan and schedule for bringing the System into compliance with the Drinking Water Regulations. The EPA's



approval of the Company's plan and schedule does not substitute for any other approval that may be required by any governmental entity for any modification to the System. The EPA encourages the Company to contact any other such governmental agency or agencies regarding any applicable approval requirements.

To submit information, to request paper copies of public notice forms and instructions, or to request an informal conference with the EPA, please contact Jill Minter at the above address (with the mailcode 8ENF-W) or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6084, or (303) 312-6084. Any questions from the Company's attorney should be directed to Mia Bearley, Enforcement Attorney, who may be reached at the above address (with the mailcode 8ENF-L) or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6554, or (303) 312-6554.

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Arturo Palomares, Director Water Technical Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

Enclosures:

Order SBREFA Information Sheet

cc:

Mr. Craig Thompson, PWS Operator, Skyline Village Mobile Home Park Ms. Candace Cordova, Manager, Skyline Village Mobile Home Park WY DEQ/DOH (via email) Tina Artemis, EPA Regional Hearing Clerk





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Sweetwater County Commissioners c/o Wally Johnson, Chairman County Courthouse 80 West Flaming Gorge Way Green River, Wyoming 82935

> Re: Notice of Safe Drinking Water Act Enforcement Action against the Skyline Village Mobile Home Park Public Water System, PWS ID # WY5601176

Dear Commissioners:

The Safe Drinking Water Act (Act) requires that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) notify locally elected officials of certain enforcement actions taken in their area.

An Administrative Order (Order) is being issued to Ascentia Real Estate Investment Company which owns and/or operates the Skyline Village Mobile Home Park Public Water System, located in Sweetwater County, Wyoming, directing it to comply with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations. The violations alleged in the Order include exceeding the maximum contaminant level for total coliform bacteria, failing to monitor for total coliform bacteria, failing to monitor for disinfection byproducts, and failing to report certain violations to the EPA.

For more details, a copy of the Order is enclosed. The Order does not require any response or action by the County Commission. If you have any questions regarding this Order, please contact Jill Minter at (303) 312-6084.

Sincerely Xrturo Palomares, Director Water Technical Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

Enclosure: Administrative Order

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#### IN THE MATTER OF:

Ascentia Real Estate Investment Company.

Respondent.

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#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

This Order is issued under the authority vested in the Administrator of the United States 1. 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 officials.

2. Ascentia Real Estate Investment Company (Respondent) is a Colorado corporation that owns and/or operates the Skyline Village Mobile Home Park Public Water System (System), which provides piped water to the public in Sweetwater County, Wyoming, for human consumption.

The System is a consecutive system supplied by purchased surface water from the City of Rock 3. Springs via treated water produced by the Rock Springs/Green River Joint Power Water Board (JPWB). The water produced by JPWB is treated with ozone, filtered, and chlorinated, and is also boostchlorinated by the City of Rock Springs before it enters the Skyline Village System.

4. Respondent is required to monitor disinfection byproducts in accordance with the System's Stage 2 Monitoring Plan dated September 23, 2009, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 141.622.

5. The System has approximately 300 service connections used by year-round residents and/or regularly serves an average of approximately 735 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.

6. Respondent is subject to the Act and the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (Drinking Water Regulations) at 40 C.F.R. part 141. The Drinking Water Regulations are "applicable requirements" as defined in section 1414(i) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(i).

The Drinking Water Regulations include monitoring requirements. The EPA has sent 7. Respondent annual notifications of the specific monitoring requirements that apply to the System.

#### VIOLATIONS

If two or more samples collected in any month from the System's water are positive for total 8. coliform, then the System has not complied with the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total coliform bacteria. 40 C.F.R. § 141.63(a)(2). During the month of August 2014, two or more samples from the System were positive for total coliform, and, therefore, Respondent violated this requirement.

9. Respondent is required to monitor the System's water monthly for total coliform bacteria. 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(a). Respondent failed to monitor the System's water for total coliform bacteria during January 2012 and, therefore, violated this requirement.

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10. Respondent is required to collect individual total trihalomethane (TTHM) and haloacetic acid (HAA5) samples in the System's distribution system at least quarterly (40 C.F.R. § 141.621) at the locations and dates identified in the Monitoring Plan (40 C.F.R. § 141.622(a)(1)). Respondent failed to monitor the System's water for TTHM and HAA5 during November 2013 and May 2014 and, therefore, violated this requirement.

11. Respondent is required to submit the TTHM and HAA5 monitoring results with locational running annual average (LRAA) compliance calculations for each monitoring location to the EPA within 10 days following the end of each quarterly monitoring period. 40 C.F.R. § 141.629(a). Respondent failed to submit the LRAA compliance calculations for all monitoring locations for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (January – March) of 2014 and, therefore, violated this requirement.

12. Respondent is required to report any failure to comply with any coliform monitoring requirement to the EPA within 10 days after discovering the violation. 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2). Respondent failed to report the violation cited in paragraph 9, above, to the EPA and, therefore, violated this requirement.

13. Respondent is required to report any failure to comply with any Drinking Water Regulation to the EPA within 48 hours (except where the Drinking Water Regulations specify a different time period). 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b). Respondent failed to report the violations cited in paragraphs 10 and 11, above, to the EPA and, therefore, violated this requirement.

#### **ORDER**

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

14. If Respondent's total coliform sample results exceed the MCL while this Order is in effect, Respondent shall, within 30 days after learning of the violation, submit to the EPA a proposed plan and schedule to bring the System into compliance with the total coliform MCL as identified in 40 C.F.R. § 141.63. The plan shall include proposed modifications to the System and estimated costs of such modifications. The schedule shall include a project start date, interim milestone deadlines, and a final compliance deadline (which shall be within six months of the project start date). The Respondent shall not begin construction or modifications to the System before the EPA has approved Respondent's compliance schedule.

15. The schedule required by paragraph 14, above, shall be incorporated into this Order as an enforceable requirement upon written approval by the EPA.

16. Within 90 days after receipt of the EPA's approval of the schedule required by paragraph 14, above, Respondent shall provide the EPA with quarterly reports on the progress made toward bringing the System into compliance with the total coliform MCL. Each quarterly report is due by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the relevant quarter.

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17. Within 10 days after completing all tasks included in the schedule required by paragraph 14, above, Respondent shall notify the EPA of the project's completion.

18. The System shall achieve compliance with the total coliform MCL by the final compliance deadline specified in the EPA-approved schedule. If the Respondent's plan fails to achieve permanent compliance, the EPA may order further steps and/or seek penalties for noncompliance.

19. Respondent shall monitor the System's water monthly for total coliform bacteria and, if any sample is positive for total coliform, conduct repeat and additional routine monitoring, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.21. Respondent shall report analytical results to the EPA within the first 10 days following the month in which Respondent receives sample results, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(a). Respondent shall report any violation of coliform monitoring requirements in 40 C.F.R. part 141 to the EPA within 10 days after discovering the violation, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2).

20. Respondent shall monitor for TTHM and HAA5 every 90 days at the locations and on the dates identified in the Monitoring Plan, as required by 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.620-141.622. Respondent shall monitor at the specified locations during the months of February, May, August and November, per the September 23, 2009 Monitoring Plan. Respondent shall submit the results with LRAA compliance calculations to the EPA within 10 days following the end of each compliance period. 40 C.F.R. § 141.629.

21. For any future violation of the Drinking Water Regulations for which this Order does not specify a reporting period, Respondent shall 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 the Drinking Water Regulations specify a different time period for reporting the particular violation, Respondent shall report the violation to the EPA within that different period.

22. This Order shall be binding on Respondent, its successors and assigns and any person (e.g., employee, contractor, or other agent) acting in concert with Respondent.

23. If Respondent (a) leases or sells the System to another person or entity, or (b) contracts with or hire any other person or entity to operate the System, Respondent shall, no later than the date of such lease, sale, or other contract, provide a copy of this Order to the lessee, purchaser, or contractor. No later than 10 days thereafter, Respondent shall notify the EPA in writing of the lease, sale, or other contract, with such notification to include the name and contact information of the person who has leased, bought, or contracted to operate the System. Respondent shall remain obligated to comply with this Order even if Respondent leases the System to another person or entity or hires another person or entity to operate the System.

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24. Respondent shall send all reporting and notifications required by this Order in writing to:

U.S. EPA Region 8 (8P-W-DW) 1595 Wynkoop Street Denver, Colorado 80202-1129

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

25. This Order shall not constitute a waiver, suspension, or modification of any requirement of the Act or the Drinking Water Regulations. Issuance of this Order is not an election by the EPA to forgo any civil or criminal action.

26. Violation of any part of this Order or the Drinking Water Regulations may subject Respondent to a civil penalty of up to \$37,500 (as adjusted for inflation) per day of violation. 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3; 40 C.F.R. part 19.

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

28. This Order is effective upon receipt by Respondent and will continue to be in effect until closed by the EPA.

Issued: SEP 2 9 201,42014.

James H. Eppers, Supervisory Attorney Legal Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

Arturo Palomares, Director Water Technical Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice



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## U.S. EPA Small Business Resources Information Sheet

The United States Environmental Protection Agency provides an array of resources, including workshops, training sessions, hotlines, websites and guides, to help small businesses understand and comply with federal and state environmental laws. In addition to helping small businesses understand their environmental obligations and improve compliance, these resources will also help such businesses find cost-effective ways to comply through pollution prevention techniques and innovative technologies.

### **EPA's Small Business Websites**

Small Business Environmental Homepage - www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org

Small Business Gateway - www.epa.gov/smallbusiness

EPA's Small Business Ombudsman - www.epa.gov/sbo or 1-800-368-5888

#### EPA's Compliance Assistance Homepage

www.epa.gov/compliance/assistance/ business.html

This page is a gateway to industry and statute-specific environmental resources, from extensive web-based information to hotlines and compliance assistance specialists.

### EPA's Compliance Assistance Centers

www.assistancecenters.net

EPA's Compliance Assistance Centers provide information targeted to industries with many small businesses. They were developed in partnership with industry, universities and other federal and state agencies.

Agriculture www.epa.gov/agriculture/

Automotive Recycling www.ecarcenter.org

Automotive Service and Repair www.ccar-greenlink.org or 1-888-GRN-LINK

Chemical Manufacturing www.chemalliance.org

Construction www.cicacenter.org or 1-734-995-4911

Education www.campuserc.org Food Processing www.fpeac.org

Healthcare www.hercenter.org

Local Government www.lgean.org

Metal Finishing www.nmfrc.org

Paints and Coatings www.paintcenter.org

Printed Wiring Board Manufacturing www.pwbrc.org

Printing www.pneac.org

Ports www.portcompliance.org

U.S. Border Compliance and Import/Export Issues www.bordercenter.org

Hotlines, Helplines and Clearinghouses www.epa.gov/epahome/hotline.htm

EPA sponsors many free hotlines and clearinghouses that provide convenient assistance regarding environmental requirements. Some examples are: Antimicrobial Information Hotline info-antimicrobial@epa.gov or 1-703-308-6411

**Clean Air Technology Center (CATC) Info-line** www.epa.gov/ttn/catc or 1-919-541-0800

**Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act** www.epa.gov/superfund/resources/ infocenter/epcra.htm or 1-800-424-9346

**EPA Imported Vehicles and Engines Public Helpline** www.epa.gov/otaq/imports or 734-214-4100

National Pesticide Information Center www.npic.orst.edu/ or 1-800-858-7378

National Response Center Hotline to report oil and hazardous substance spills www.nrc.uscg.mil or 1-800-424-8802

**Pollution Prevention Information Clearinghouse** (PPIC) www.epa.gov/opptintr/ppic or 1-202-566-0799

**Safe Drinking Water Hotline** www.epa.gov/safewater/hotline/index. html or 1-800-426-4791

Stratospheric Ozone Protection Hotline www.epa.gov/ozone or 1-800-296-1996

# U. S. EPA Small Business Resources

Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Hotline tsca-hotline@epa.gov or 1-202-554-1404

Wetlands Information Helpline www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/wetline.html or 1-800-832-7828

#### State and Tribal Web-Based Resources

State Resource Locators www.envcap.org/statetools

The Locators provide state-specific contacts, regulations and resources covering the major environmental laws.

# State Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs (SBEAPs)

www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org

State SBEAPs help small businesses and assistance providers understand environmental requirements and sustainable business practices through workshops, trainings and site visits. The website is a central point for sharing resources between EPA and states.

#### EPA's Tribal Compliance Assistance Center

www.epa.gov/tribalcompliance/index.html

The Center provides material to Tribes on environmental stewardship and regulations that might apply to tribal government operations.

#### **EPA's Tribal Portal**

www.epa.gov/tribalportal/

The Portal helps users locate tribal-related information within EPA and other federal agencies.

#### **EPA** Compliance Incentives

EPA provides incentives for environmental compliance. By participating in compliance assistance programs or voluntarily disclosing and promptly correcting violations before an enforcement action has been initiated, businesses may be eligible for penalty waivers or reductions. EPA has two such policies that may apply to small businesses:

#### **EPA's Small Business Compliance Policy**

www.epa.gov/compliance/incentives/smallbusiness/index.html

This Policy offers small businesses special incentives to come into compliance voluntarily.

#### **EPA's Audit Policy**

www.epa.gov/compliance/incentives/auditing/auditpolicy.html

The Policy provides incentives to all businesses that voluntarily discover, promptly disclose and expeditiously correct their noncompliance.

# **Commenting on Federal Enforcement Actions and Compliance Activities**

The Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA) established a SBREFA Ombudsman and 10 Regional Fairness Boards to receive comments from small businesses about federal agency enforcement actions. If you believe that you fall within the Small Business Administration's definition of a small business (based on your North American Industry Classification System designation, number of employees or annual receipts, as defined at 13 C.F.R. 121.201; in most cases, this means a business with 500 or fewer employees), and wish to comment on federal enforcement and compliance activities, call the SBREFA Ombudsman's toll-free number at 1-888-REG-FAIR (1-888-734-3247), or go to their website at www. sba.gov/ombudsman.

Every small business that is the subject of an enforcement or compliance action is entitled to comment on the Agency's actions without fear of retaliation. EPA employees are prohibited from using enforcement or any other means of retaliation against any member of the regulated community in response to comments made under SBREFA.

### Your Duty to Comply

If you receive compliance assistance or submit a comment to the SBREFA Ombudsman or Regional Fairness Boards, you still have the duty to comply with the law, including providing timely responses to EPA information requests, administrative or civil complaints, other enforcement actions or communications. The assistance information and comment processes do not give you any new rights or defenses in any enforcement action. These processes also do not affect EPA's obligation to protect public health or the environment under any of the environmental statutes it enforces, including the right to take emergency remedial or emergency response actions when appropriate. Those decisions will be based on the facts in each situation. The SBREFA Ombudsman and Fairness Boards do not participate in resolving EPA's enforcement actions. Also, remember that to preserve your rights, you need to comply with all rules governing the enforcement process.

EPA is disseminating this information to you without making a determination that your business or organization is a small business as defined by Section 222 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act or related provisions.

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