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HEARING CLERK

IN THE MATTER OF:)		
GLORY HOLE HOMEOWNERS, a Wyoming nonprofit corporation)	FINAL ORDER	
RESPONDENT)		

DOCKET NO.: SDWA-08-2008-0005

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §22.18, of EPA's Consolidated Rules of Practice, the Consent Agreement resolving this matter is hereby approved and incorporated by reference into this Final Order. The Respondent is hereby **ORDERED** to comply with all of the terms of the Consent Agreement, effective immediately upon receipt by Respondent of this Consent Agreement and Final Order.

SO ORDERED THIS ZZnd DAY OF October

Elvana R. Sutin Regional Judicial Officer

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 8

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In the Matter of:)	EFA RÉGION VIII HEARING CLERK
GLORY HOLE HOMEOWNERS, a Wyoming nonprofit corporation))))	CONSENT AGREEMENT Docket No. SDWA-08-2008- 0005

Complainant, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8 ("EPA" or "Complainant"), and Glory Hole Homeowners, a Wyoming nonprofit corporation, ("Respondent") by their undersigned representatives, hereby consent and agree as follows:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 1. EPA has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to section 1414(g)(3) of the Safe Drinking Water Act ("Act"), as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g)(3). The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Primary Drinking Water Regulations ("NPDWRs") authorized by the statute are set out in 40 C.F.R. part 141, and violations of the statute, regulations, and/or EPA Administrative Orders constitute violations of the Act.
- 2. The rules for this proceeding are the "Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, Issuance of Compliance or Corrective Action Orders and the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits ("Rules of Practice")," 40 C.F.R. part 22, a copy of which has been provided to Respondent.
- 3. This Consent Agreement is entered into by the parties for the purpose of simultaneously commencing and concluding this matter, as authorized by 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b) and executed pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(2) and (3).
- 4. Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations contained in this Consent Agreement.
- 5. Respondent waives its rights to a hearing or appeal before any tribunal, to contest any issue of law or fact set forth in this Consent Agreement.
- 6. Complainant asserts that settlement of this matter is in the public interest, and the parties agree that entry of this Consent Agreement without further litigation and without adjudication of any issue of fact or law, is the most appropriate means of resolving this matter at the least cost and expense to Respondent and the EPA.

- 7. This Consent Agreement, upon incorporation into a final order, applies to and is binding upon EPA and upon Respondent, and Respondent's officers, directors, employees, agents, successors and assigns. Any change in ownership or corporate status of Respondent including, but not limited to, any transfer of assets or real or personal property shall not alter Respondent's responsibilities under this agreement.
- 8. This Consent Agreement contains all terms of the settlement agreed to by the parties.

ALLEGATIONS

- 9. Glory Hole Homeowners is a Wyoming non-profit corporation and therefore a "person" within the meaning of section 1401(12) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300f(12) and 40 C.F.R. § 141.2. Respondent's mailing address is c/o Jeffrey Doug Christensen, 6 North Pineview Drive, Gillette, WY 82716.
- Respondent owns and/or operates the Glory Hole Homeowners Water System ("the System") located in Gillette, Wyoming for the provision of water for human consumption.
- 11. The System has at least 15 service connections used by year-round residents or at least 25 year-round residents 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 "community water system" within the meaning of 40 C.F.R. § 141.2.
- 12. Respondent 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.
- 13. Respondent is subject to Part B of the Act ("Public Water Systems") and the NPDWRs.
- 14. EPA issued Administrative Orders requiring compliance actions to Respondent on September 17, 2002 and August 7, 2003. Those orders were subsequently closed.
- 15. EPA issued an Administrative Order to Respondent (docket no. SDWA-08-2007-0031) on February 20, 2007 ("the February 20, 2007 Order") requiring, inter alia, compliance with the monthly monitoring for total coliform as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(a), the reporting of the analytical results to EPA as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31, and reporting to EPA any failure to comply with the NPDWRs as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2).
- 16. Respondent failed to monitor for total coliform during April, June, and July of 2007, in violation of the February 20, 2007 Order and 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(a).
- 17. Respondent failed to report to EPA the failure to monitor for total coliform violations listed above, in violation of the February 20, 2007 Order and 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 18. Respondent consents and agrees to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,200.00 in the manner described below in this paragraph:
 - a. Payment is due within 30 calendar days from the date written on the final order, issued by the Regional Judicial Officer, that adopts this consent agreement. If the due date falls on a weekend or legal federal holiday, then the due date becomes the next business day. The date the payment is made is considered to be the date processed by Mellon Bank described below. Payments received by 11:00 A.M. EST are processed on the same day, those received after 11:00 A.M. are processed on the next business day.
 - b. The payment shall be made by remitting a cashier's or certified check, including the name and docket number of this case; for the amount, payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," to:

Regular Mail:

US Environmental Protection Agency Fines and Penalties Cincinnati Finance Center P.O. Box 979077 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

Federal Express, Airborne, or other commercial carrier:

U.S. Bank 1005 Convention Plaza Mail Station SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, MO 63101

Contact: Natalie Pearson 314-418-4087

Wire Transfers:

Wire transfers must be sent directly to the Federal Reserve Bank in New York City with the following information:

Federal Reserve Bank of New York ABA = 021030004 Account = 68010727 SWIFT address = FRNYUS33 33 Liberty Street New York, NY 10045 Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read "D 68010727 Environmental Protection Agency"

ACH (also known as REX or remittance express):

Automated Clearinghouse (ACH) for receiving US currency PNC Bank
808 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20074
Contact – Jesse White 301-887-6548
ABA = 051036706
Transaction Code 22 - checking
Environmental Protection Agency
Account 310006
CTX Format

On-line payment:

There is now an On Line Payment Option, available through the Dept. of Treasury. This payment option can be accessed from the information below:

WWW.PAY.GOV Enter sfo 1.1 in the search field

Open form and complete required fields.

A copy of the payment shall be sent simultaneously to:

Kathelene Brainich Environmental Protection Specialist U.S. EPA Region 8 (ENF-W) 1595 Wynkoop Street Denver, CO 80202-1129

Tina Artemis Regional Hearing Clerk (8RC) U.S. EPA Region 8 1595 Wynkoop Street Denver, CO 80202-1129

c. In the event payment is not received by the specified due date, interest accrues from the date of the Final Order, not the due date, at a rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717, and will continue to accrue until payment in full is received. (i.e., on the 1st late day, 30 days of interest accrues).

- d. In addition, a handling charge of fifteen dollars (\$15) shall be assessed the 31st day from the date of the final consent order, and each subsequent thirty day period that the debt, or any portion thereof, remains unpaid. In addition, a six percent (6%) per annum penalty shall be assessed on any unpaid principal amount if payment is not received within 90 days of the due date (i.e., the 121st day from the date the final consent order is signed). Payments are first applied to outstanding handling charges, 6% penalty interest, and late interest. The remainder is then applied to the outstanding principal amount.
- e. Respondent agrees that the penalty shall never be claimed as a federal or other tax deduction or tax credit.
- 19. Nothing in this Consent Agreement shall relieve Respondent of its duty to comply with the Act, the NPDWRs, and the February 20, 2007 Order.
- 20. Failure by Respondent to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Agreement shall constitute a breach of the consent agreement and may result in referral of the matter to the Department of Justice for enforcement of this agreement and for such other relief as may be appropriate.
- 21. Nothing in this Consent Agreement shall be construed as a waiver by the EPA or any other federal entity of its authority to seek costs or any appropriate penalty associated with any collection action instituted as a result of Respondent's failure to perform pursuant to the terms of this Consent Agreement.
- 22. The undersigned representative of Respondent certify that he/she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and to bind the party he/she represents to the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement.
- 23. The parties agree to submit this Consent Agreement to the Regional Judicial Officer, with a request that it be incorporated into a final order.
- 24. Each party shall bear its own costs and attorney fees in connection with this matter.
- 25. This Consent Agreement, upon incorporation into a final order by the Regional Judicial Officer and full satisfaction by the parties, shall be a complete and full civil settlement of the specific violations alleged herein.

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 8

Complainant

Date: 10.17.07

Technical Enforcement Program

Office of Enforcement, Compliance &

Environmental Justice

David J. Janik, Supervisory Attorney

Legal Enforcement Program

Office of Enforcement, Compliance &

Environmental Justice

GLORY HOLE HOMEOWNERS, a Wyoming nonprofit corporation, Respondent

Date: Sept. 28, 2007

Jeffrey Doug Christiansen, President

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SO ORDERED THIS DAY O	F, 2007.
	Elyana R. Sutin Regional Judicial officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE				
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	ersigned hereby certifies that the original and one copy of the Consent Agreement all Order were hand-carried to:			
	Tina Artemis Regional Hearing Clerk (8RC)			
	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8 1595 Wynkoop Street			
	Denver, Colorado 80202-1129			
a true copy was	hand-carried to:			
	Elyana R. Sutin Regional Judicial Officer (8RC) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8 1595 Wynkoop Street Denver, Colorado 80202-1129			
and a true copy	was sent via first class mail to:			
	Jeffrey Doug Christiansen, President Glory Hole Homeowners			
	6 North Pineview Drive Gillette, WY 82716			
Data	By:			

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the original of the attached **CONSENT AGREEMENT** in the matter **GLORY HOLE HOMEOWNERS; DOCKET NO.: SDWA-08-2008-0005** was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk on October 18, 2007; the **FINAL ORDER** was filed on October 23, 2007.

Further, the undersigned certifies that a true and correct copies of the documents were delivered to Thomas Sitz, Enforcement Attorney, U. S. EPA – Region 8, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202-1129. True and correct copies of the aforementioned document was placed in the United States mail certified/return receipt requested on October 23, 2007, to:

Jeffrey Doug Christiansen, President Glory Hole Homeowners 6 North Pineview Drive Gillette, WY 82716

E-mailed to:

Michelle Angel U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Cincinnati Finance Center 26 W. Martin Luther King Drive (MS-0002) Cincinnati, Ohio 45268

October 23, 2007

Tina Artemis Paralegal/Regional Hearing Clerk