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Akal Energy, LLC
Mr. Manjot Pandher, Owner
Ms. Amandeep Pandher, Owner
Akal Energy-Buford Outpost
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Subj: Administrative Order issued to Akal Energy, LLC, Manjot Pandher, and Amandeep Pandher regarding Akal Energy-Buford Outpost Public Water System, PWS ID #WY5601729, Docket No. SDWA-08-2026-0039

Dear Manjot Pandher and Amandeep Pandher:

Enclosed is an Administrative Order (Order) issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the authority of section 1414(g) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g). Among other things, this Order alleges that Respondents have violated the EPA's drinking water regulations at 40 C.F.R. part 141 (Part 141). The EPA is issuing this Order because our previous compliance assurance efforts have not been effective in returning the System to compliance with Part 141.

The Order is effective upon the date received. Please review the Order and within 10 business days provide the EPA with any pertinent information you believe the EPA may not have (*e.g.*, information regarding ownership of the System, any monitoring that may have been completed but not submitted, any updates to the number of service connections and/or individuals served). If the EPA does not hear from you, the EPA will assume this information is correct. If Respondents comply with the Order, the EPA may close the Order without further action. Failure to comply with the Order may trigger immediate action by the EPA, including a complaint seeking administrative penalties. The complaint may lead to assessment of civil penalties 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).

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 entities, in case these are relevant. SBREFA does not eliminate the responsibility to comply with the Order or Part 141. Also enclosed are several templates and fact sheets to assist you in addressing the outstanding violations.

If you have any questions or to request an informal conference with the EPA, please contact Christina Carballal via email at Carballal-Broome.Christina@epa.gov, or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6046, or (303) 312-6046. Any questions from your attorney should be directed to Noah Stanton, Assistant Regional Counsel, via email at Stanton.Noah@epa.gov or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6163, or (303) 312-6163. We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

COLLEEN RATHBONE

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

ENCLOSURES

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WY DEQ/DOH (via email)
Albany County Commissioners
EPA Regional Hearing Clerk
Gurjot Singh, Manager
Braeden Hyde, WY DEQ District Engineer