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DIGITAL DELIVERY RECEIPT REQUESTED

The Honorable Randall Werk Sr., President
Fort Belknap Indian Community Council
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Ms. Kasey Ramone, Director
Prairie Mountain Utilities
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Subj: Emergency Administrative Order under Section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, Fort Belknap Agency Public Water System, PWS ID #083090041, Docket No. SDWA-08-2026-0029

Dear President Werk and Director Ramone:

Enclosed is an Emergency Administrative Order (Order) issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribes of the Fort Belknap Indian Community (FBIC) and Prairie Mountain Utilities (PMU) under section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (Act), 42 U.S.C. § 300i.

The EPA has determined that conditions exist at the Fort Belknap 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 Gene Talks Different, Lead Operator at the System, on December 19, 2025, that the System's storage tank lost a roof panel during a high wind event on the same day.

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 FBIC and PMU to, among other things, take the following actions: issue a boil water advisory;

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provide alternate water; submit a plan and schedule to repair the opening; disinfect and flush the System; and take additional total coliform bacteria samples.

The penalties for failing to comply are set forth in the Order. If you have any questions or wish to discuss the Order, 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 counsel should be directed to Matthew Castelli, Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, via email at castelli.matthew@epa.gov or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6491, or (303) 312-6491.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

for Suzanne J. Bohan, Director
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

ENCLOSURES

1. Emergency Administrative Order
2. Public Notice template

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