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DIGITAL DELIVERY RECEIPT REQUESTED

The Honorable Gene Small, President
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Subj: Emergency Administrative Order under Section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, Lame Deer Public Water System, PWS ID 083090064,
Docket No. SDWA-08-2026-0031

Dear President Small and Ms. Shoulder Blade:

Enclosed is an Emergency Administrative Order (Order) issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to the Northern Cheyenne Utility Commission (Utility), under section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (Act), 42 U.S.C. § 300i.

The EPA has determined that conditions exist at the Lame Deer 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 Utility on January 8, 2026, that a portion of 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 Utility to, among other things, take the following actions: maintain an existing boil water advisory and provide an alternate source of water until notified by the EPA to discontinue;

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submit a plan and schedule to resolve the pressure loss; 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 Christopher Brown via email at brown.christopher.t@epa.gov, or by phone at (303) 312-6669. Any questions from counsel should be directed to Shaula Eakins, Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, via email at eakins.shaula@epa.gov or by phone at (303) 312-6317.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Bohan, Director
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

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