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Richard Opper, Director Montana Department of Environmental Quality 1520 E. Sixth Avenue P.O. Box 200901 Helena, MT 59620-0901

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Docket No. **SDWA-08-2008**Ocket No. **SDWA-08-2**

Dear Mr. Opper:

The above referenced public drinking water system has violated certain provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act (the Act), 42 U.S.C. § 300f, <u>et seq</u>. and the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations at 40 C.F.R. part 141. The violations consist of failure to monitor for bacteriological quality, failure to monitor for nitrate, failure to provide public notice, and failure to notify the State of the violations. Our records, obtained from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's Public Water Supply Online Query Reports, indicate the violations noted below. Please have your staff notify Kimberly Pardue Welch of my staff at (303) 312-6983 within 20 days if your records show any discrepancies with these determinations of violation.

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Date of <u>Violation</u>

Violation

3 rd quarter 2003, 2 nd quarter 2004, 4 th quarter 2004, 1 st quarter 2005, 3 rd quarter 2005, 2 nd quarter 2006, August 2006, September 2006, October 2006, November 2006, January 2007, June 2007, August 2007, and September 2007	Failure to monitor for bacteriological quality. [40 C.F.R. § 141.21(a) and ARM Chapter 38, Sub-Chapter 2, Section 17.38.215(1)(b)]]
2005 and 2007	Failure to monitor for nitrate. [40 C.F.R. § 141.23(d)]
2004 - 2007	Failure to notify public of above referenced violations. [40 C.F.R. § 141.201]
2003 - 2007	Failure to report the above-referenced violations to the State [40 C.F.R. §§ 141.21(g)(1), 141.21(g)(2) and 141.31(b)]

This NOTICE OF VIOLATION is issued pursuant to section 1414(a) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(a). If the State does not commence appropriate enforcement action within 30 days from the receipt of this notification, EPA is authorized either to issue an Administrative Order under section 1414(g) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g) requiring the public water system to comply with the regulations or requirements, or to commence civil action under section 1414(b) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(b).

Please inform EPA of any change in the compliance status of this system. You may wish to have your staff confer with my staff to determine the Agency's position concerning this system and to exchange appropriate information. If the State does not commence appropriate enforcement action within 30 days from the receipt of the notification, EPA will proceed with issuance of an administrative order. Our technical contact is Kimberly Pardue Welch at (303) 312-6983. A copy of this NOTICE OF VIOLATION has been concurrently sent to the system identified above. Also enclosed for the benefit of the System is a copy of EPA's Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act (SBREFA) fact sheet containing information on compliance assistance resources and tools available to small businesses. EPA has agreed to notify small businesses of their right to comment on regulatory enforcement activities at the same time of an Agency enforcement action. SBREFA does not eliminate the responsibility to comply with the Act.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: SBREFA fact sheet

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