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Gayatri, LLC c/o Bipen P. Patel, Registered Agent 314 N. Russell Avenue Douglas, Wyoming 82633

> Re: Violation of Administrative Order Docket No. SDWA-08-2008-0036 Alpine Inn Public Water System PWS ID# WY5600320

Dear Mr. Patel:

On March 21, 2008, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an Administrative Order, Docket No. SDWA-08-2008-0036, ordering Gayatri, LLC, owner of the Alpine Inn public water system, to comply with various regulations issued by EPA under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. section 300f et seq.

Our records indicate that Gayatri, LLC (Respondent) is in violation of the Administrative Order (the Order). Among other things, the Order included the following requirement (quoted from item 5 of the Order section on pages 1 and 2 of the Order):

Upon receipt of this Order, Respondent shall monitor quarterly for total coliform bacteria. 40 C.F.R. § 141.21. Respondent shall report analytical results to EPA within the first 10 days following the month in which sample results are received, as required by the drinking water regulations. 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(a). Any violation of total coliform monitoring requirements under 40 C.F.R. § 141.21 shall be reported to EPA within 10 days after the Respondent learns of it. 40 C.F.R. § 141.21 (g) (2).

Respondent did not monitor for total coliform bacteria in the second quarter (April-June) of 2008. Respondent also failed to report this violation to EPA.

EPA is considering additional enforcement action as a result of the non-compliance with the Order. Violating an Administrative Order may lead to (1) a penalty of up to \$32,500 per day per violation of the Order, and/or (2) a court injunction ordering compliance.

If you have any questions or wish to have an informal conference with EPA, you may contact me at 1-800-227-8917, extension 6896 or (303) 312-6896. If you are represented by an attorney who has questions, please ask your attorney to contact Thomas E. Sitz, Enforcement Attorney, at 1-800-227-8917, extension 6918 or (303) 312-6918 or at the following address:

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We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Lisa Kahn, Team Leader Drinking Water Enforcement Program

Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

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Tina Artemis, EPA Regional Hearing Clerk