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The Honorable Timothy Davis, Chairman
Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana
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Re: Administrative Order Addendum, Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Reservation of Montana regarding Bedrock Babb Water System, PWS ID # 083090004
Docket # SDWA-08-2021-0004; ECN:600.0023.2018_BlackfeetPWS

Dear Chairman Davis:

This is an Addendum to the Administrative Order (Order) issued to the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Reservation of Montana (Tribe) on January 15, 2021. The purpose of this letter is to approve the Tribe's June 7, 2021 schedule (Schedule) to correct a sanitary defect identified during assessments conducted March 20 and June 1, 2017, to prevent the tank from overflowing. The Schedule is hereby incorporated into the Order pursuant to paragraph 22. Each milestone and deadline specified below is an enforceable provision of the Order.

Milestone

Deadline

<u>Milestone</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Purchase telemetry hardware	Reported as completed
Procure contractor to perform installation	Reported as completed
Install telemetry hardware	August 6, 2021
Provide proof that telemetry hardware is functional, including a certification letter and photo of installation from the Tribe's engineer.	September 1, 2021

Within 10 calendar days of completing all steps included in the above Schedule, please notify the EPA of the project's completion as required by the Order. The Order also requires the Tribe to correct the significant deficiency by the final date specified in the approved Schedule. The EPA is authorized to seek penalties if these deadlines are not met. If the Tribe has a reasonable basis to believe it may be unable to meet any deadline in the Schedule, it must notify the EPA well in advance of the Scheduled deadline to request an extension. The EPA may, in its discretion, consider granting an extension. For any deadline prior to the date the Addendum was issued, please notify the EPA within 14 days when the milestone was completed or if the deadline was not met, provide a new proposed deadline

As a reminder, you are required to notify the public of violations quarterly until they are corrected. If not already accomplished, please provide the EPA with a copy of the most recent public notice that was due by July 10, 2021, and the certification that the Tribe delivered it.

In addition, the EPA acknowledges that the COVID-19 pandemic also may impact construction projects. If the Tribe has specific COVID-19 issues that would affect the timeframes listed herein, 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 as soon as possible. The EPA may, in its discretion, consider granting an extension.

If you have any questions concerning this Addendum, please contact Christina Carballal at the email and phone number listed in the above paragraph. Any legal questions from the Tribe's attorney 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 6554, or (303) 312-6554.

Sincerely,

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