

**Progress Report**

Ute Indian Tribe and Ute Tribe Public Works  
SDWA-08-2018-0013: Final Order  
Supplemental Environmental Project  
Computational Tool for Regulatory Assistance

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*Reporting Period: April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021*

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**Narrative of Project during Reporting Period**

As the Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) for the Ute Indian Tribe and Ute Tribe Public Works, Uriah Heaps Spring and Whiterocks Public Water Systems, the Tribe shall develop and implement a computer program to audit and assist the Respondents' compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act and regulations. The SEP will cost \$55,000 and be completed over a three-year period. The SEP was initiated in January 2019. The computer program will be developed over the first year (CY2019). Compliance auditing as well as program training and support will continue for two additional years (CY2020-2021). The Tribe elected to develop the program with Natural Resources Consulting Engineers, Inc. (NRCE). The program will track the nature, timing, and costs of all SDWA regulatory requirements pertaining to Tribe's Public Water Systems and provide the Tribe with an understanding of necessary budget and rates, operational procedures, and record-keeping procedures at the Systems.

**Task Accomplishments and Milestones Met during Reporting Period**

The Scope of Work specified the following tasks to be completed for the project. Provided for each task is a short description of what has been accomplished during the reporting period, as well as a description of what was intended to be accomplished.

***Task 1: Comprehensive documentation of UTWS regulatory compliance requirements***

During this reporting period the Tribe performed the following work related to Task 1:

- Provided UTWS staff with weekly updates on the status of sampling tasks.
- Communicated with UTWS staff regarding upcoming monitoring requirements deadlines.
- Modified task schedule in UteTWS app to reassign or delete tasks as necessary.
- Completed the 2020 Compliance Audit report and submitted report to the EPA.
- Reviewed the new monitoring requirement issued by the EPA as a result of the new well added to the system. Updated the UteTWS app with the additional and modified sampling tasks and provided a summary of these changes to the UTWS staff.

***Task 2: Development of a regulatory compliance computational tool for UTWS***

No work was performed regarding this task during this reporting period.

***Task 3: Long-term documentation, training, and on-demand technical support***

No work was performed regarding this task during this reporting period.

### Potential setbacks

The Tribe does not anticipate any potential setbacks regarding the SEP at this time. The Ute Indian Tribe is currently on schedule as anticipated in the contract.

### Expenditures made in implementation of the SEP

The Tribe's consultant, Natural Resources Consulting Engineers, Inc. (NRCE) has billed \$3,526.25 in consulting fees and expenses between April 1, 2021 and June 30, 2021. Total fees plus expenses billed as of June 30, 2021 are \$66,045.50. The project budget was set at \$55,000. Thus, this specific project budget has been consumed. One and one-half years of operational support has been provided to UTWS.

### Continuing Technical Support

Under UIT Business Committee Resolution 19-189 executed June 5 2019, NRCE continues to provide technical support to UTWS with operation and management of the UteTWS App to meet water quality monitoring requirements and maintain SDWA compliance under a new scope of work—" Implementation of the SWDA Action Plan to Remediate Recent Notices of Violation and Build a Comprehensive Process Workflow to Maintain EPA Compliance". Under this action plan, NRCE is assisting UTWS in a phased approach to maintain SWDA compliance:

- Phase 1: Eliminate the backlog of outstanding actions required of UTWS by the EPA
- Phase 2: Continue to ensure future UTWS's compliance with the EPA