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CERTIFIED MAIL LETTER  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Teton County Commissioners  
c/o Hank Phibbs, Chairman  
P. O. Box 3594  
Jackson, WY 83001

Re: Notice of Safe Drinking Water Act  
Enforcement Action against  
Turpin Meadow Ranch, Inc.  
PWS ID #WY5601091

Dear Commissioners:

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) notify locally elected officials of certain enforcement actions taken in their area.

EPA has issued an Administrative Order (Order) to Turpin Meadow Ranch, Inc., located in Moran, Wyoming, directing it to comply with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations. The violations alleged in the Order include: failing to monitor the water for total coliform; and failing to report these violations to EPA.

For more details, a copy of the Order is enclosed. **The Order does not require any response or action by the County Commission.** If you have any questions regarding this Order, please contact Shawn McCaffrey at (303) 312-6515.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darcy O'Connor".

Darcy O'Connor, Acting Director  
Technical Enforcement Program  
Office of Enforcement, Compliance  
and Environmental Justice

Enclosure  
Order

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IN THE MATTER OF: )  
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Turpin Meadow Ranch, Inc., ) Docket No. **SDWA-08-2010-0057**  
 )  
Respondent. ) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

1. This Order is issued under the authority vested in the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300f *et seq.* (the Act), as properly delegated to the undersigned officials.
2. Turpin Meadow Ranch, Inc. (Respondent) is a Wyoming corporation that owns and/or operates the Turpin Meadow Ranch Water System (the system), which provides piped water to the public in Teton County, Wyoming, for human consumption.
3. The system is supplied by a ground water source consisting of one well which provides water that is not treated.
4. The system has approximately 17 service connections and/or regularly serves an average of approximately 30 individuals daily for at least 6 months out of the year. Therefore, the system is a "public water system" as defined in § 1401(4) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300f (4), and 40 C.F.R. § 141.2. The system is also a "transient, non-community" water system as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 141.2.
5. Respondent is subject to the Act and the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (drinking water regulations) at 40 C.F.R. part 141. The drinking water regulations are "applicable requirements" as defined in § 1414(i) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(i).
6. The drinking water regulations include monitoring requirements. EPA has sent Respondent annual notifications of the specific monitoring requirements that apply to the system.

### **VIOLATIONS**

7. Respondent is required to monitor the system's water quarterly for total coliform bacteria. 40 C.F.R. § 141.21. Respondent failed to monitor the system's water for total coliform bacteria during the 3<sup>rd</sup> (July – September) quarter of 2009, and 1<sup>st</sup> (January – March) quarter of 2010, and, therefore, violated this requirement.
8. Respondent is required to report any failure to meet a coliform monitoring requirement to EPA no later than 10 days after learning of this violation. 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2). Respondent did not notify EPA of the violations cited in paragraph 7, above, and, therefore, violated this requirement.

### **ORDER**

Based on the above violations, Respondent is ordered to perform the following actions upon Respondent's receipt of this Order (unless a different deadline is specified below):

9. Respondent shall monitor the system's water quarterly for total coliform bacteria, as required by 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 were received, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(a). Respondent shall report any violation of the total coliform monitoring requirements to EPA within 10 days of discovery, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2).
10. Respondent shall direct all reporting required by this Order to:

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### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

11. This Order does not constitute a waiver, suspension, or modification of any requirement of the Act or drinking water regulations. Issuance of this Order is not an election by EPA to forgo any civil or criminal action.



12. Violation of any part of this Order or the drinking water regulations may subject Respondent to a civil penalty of up to \$37,500 (as adjusted for inflation) per day of violation. 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3; 40 C.F.R. part 19.

Issued: June 24, 2010.

David Rochlin

Michael T. Risner, Director  
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