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Re: Closure of Emergency Administrative Order on Consent, In the Matter of Murphy Exploration & Production Co. USA; Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc.; and SGH Enterprises, Inc., Docket No. SDWA-08-2012-0019

Dear Messrs. Jacobs, Chamberlain and Human:

This letter is to inform you of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) decision to close the above-referenced administrative matter involving Respondents Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc., Murphy Oil Corporation and SGH Enterprises, Inc. On March 26, 2012, the EPA filed an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) detailing the action items the Respondents agreed to perform to protect the City of Poplar's public water supply from a potential threat of imminent and substantial endangerment posed by contamination of the drinking water aquifer underlying the East Poplar Oil Field on the Fort Peck Reservation. The EPA has determined that the Respondents have fully complied with the terms and conditions of the AOC.

This AOC closure notice is provided in accordance with Paragraph 19 of the AOC. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Swanson, Senior Enforcement Attorney, at (303) 312-6906 or swanson.amy@epa.gov The EPA appreciates the actions taken to protect the health and environment of the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribal and City of Poplar communities.

Sincerely,

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