



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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December 16, 2008

Ref: 8RC

Honorable Elyana R. Sutin  
Regional Judicial Officer  
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1595 Wynkoop Street (8RC)  
Denver, CO 80202-1129

Re: **HITCHING POST, LLC.; THE  
HITCHING POST DOCKET NO.:  
SDWA-08-2009-0020**

Dear Judge Sutin:

Pursuant to § 22.21(a) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 CFR Part 22, the above-captioned matter, the respondent has answered the Complaint requesting leniency on penalty, therefore I am assigning this matter to you. In accordance therewith, a copy of the entire Docket file is enclosed.

Respondent is:

Debbie Kearns, Operations Manager  
Hitchin' Post  
P. O. Box 67  
Melrose, MT 59743

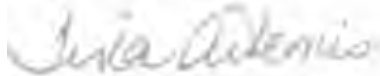
Complainant is represented by:

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All parties are reminded that according to §22.5(a)(1) "The original and one copy of each document intended to part of the record shall be filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk when the proceeding is before the Presiding Officer..."

If you require any additional information, please feel free to contact me at 303-312-6765.

Sincerely,



Tina Artemis  
Paralegal/Regional Hearing Clerk

Enclosures:

cc: Debbie Kearns (w/o enclosures)  
Amy Swanson (w/o enclosures)

