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The Honorable Tracy King, President Fort Belknap Indian Community 656 Agency Main Street Harlem, MT 59526

Margaret Nicholson, Director Prairie Mountain Utilities 164 Agency Main Street Fort Belknap Agency, MT 59526

> RE: Emergency Administrative Order Addendum Docket No. SDWA-08-2011-0035 Agnes Leggins PWS PWS ID #083090049

Dear President King and Ms. Nicholson:

On April 7, 2011, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an Emergency Administrative Order (Order) under section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (the Act), 40 U.S.C. § 300i, to the Fort Belknap Indian Community (FBIC) and Prairie Mountain Utilities (the Utility) as owner and/or operator of the Agnes Leggins public water system (the system). This letter confirms the email notice provided to Scott Snow, Operator of the system, by Barbara Burkland of EPA on May 12, 2011, regarding reduced monitoring requirements, as explained in more detail below.

This letter serves as written notice that effective May 12, 2011, weekly bacteriological monitoring is no longer required and therefore pursuant to the Order, the system may resume monthly total coliform monitoring. You may also discontinue the twice weekly chlorine residual sampling and collection of water pressure in the distribution system. Please note that chlorine residual sampling is still required with the monthly bacteriological sample.

This notice is based on weekly total coliform monitoring which were analyzed as total coliform negative, as well as twice weekly chlorine residual and water pressure monitoring conducted on April 21, 2011, April 22, 2011, April 26, 2011, May 3, 2011, May 7, 2011, May 9, 2011, and May 11, 2011. You are required to comply with all other provisions of the Order. Penalties for failing to comply are set forth in the Order.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, your staff may contact Barbara Burkland at 406-457-5009 or Kimberly Pardue Welch at 1-800-227-8917, extension 6983. If the FBIC or the Utility is represented by an attorney, the attorney may call Peggy Livingston, Enforcement Attorney, at (800) 227-8917, ext. 6858, with any questions.

Sincerely,

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