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JUN 11 2015

Ref: 8ENF-W

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Honorable Alexander Jankewicz, Mayor  
Town of Fort Laramie  
P.O. Box 177  
Fort Laramie, Wyoming 82212

Re: Administrative Order issued to the Town of Fort Laramie, PWS ID #5600185,  
Docket # **SDWA-08-2015-0022**

Dear Mayor Jankewicz:

Enclosed is an Administrative Order (Order) issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the authority of section 1414(g) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g). Among other things, the Order alleges that the Town of Fort Laramie (Town), as owner and/or operator of the Town of Fort Laramie Public Water System (System), has violated the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations at 40 C.F.R. part 141 (Drinking Water Regulations).

The Order is effective upon the date received. Please review the Order and within 10 days provide the EPA with any information you believe the EPA may not have (e.g., any monitoring that may have been done but not submitted, any updates to the numbers of connections and/or individuals served, etc.). If the EPA does not hear from you, the EPA will assume this information is correct.

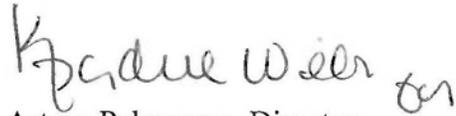
If the Town complies with the Order, the EPA may close the Order without further action. Failure to comply with the Order may lead to substantial civil penalties and/or a federal court injunction ordering compliance.

The Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act (SBREFA) may apply to this situation. Enclosed is a small business information sheet, outlining compliance assistance resources available to small businesses and small governments, in case these are relevant. SBREFA does not eliminate the responsibility to comply with the Order or the Drinking Water Regulations.

To submit information or to request an informal conference with the EPA, please contact Kathelene Brainich at the above address (with the mailcode 8ENF-W), via email at [brainich.kathelene@epa.gov](mailto:brainich.kathelene@epa.gov), or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6481 or (303) 312-6481. Any questions from your attorney should be directed to Mia Bearley, Enforcement Attorney, who may be reached at the above address (with the mailcode 8ENF-L), via email at [bearley.mia@epa.gov](mailto:bearley.mia@epa.gov), or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6554, or (303) 312-6554.

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Arturo Palomares, Director  
Water Technical Enforcement Program  
Office of Enforcement, Compliance  
and Environmental Justice

Enclosure

cc: WY DEQ/DOH (via email)  
Tina Artemis, EPA Regional Hearing Clerk





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CERTIFIED MAIL LETTER  
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Crook County Commissioners  
c/o Kelly B. Dennis, Chair  
P.O. Box 37  
Sundance, Wyoming 82729

Re: Notice of Safe Drinking Water Act Enforcement Action against the Town of Fort Laramie,  
PWS ID WY5600185

Dear Commissioners:

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

An Administrative Order (Order) is being issued to the Town of Fort Laramie, as owner and/or operator of the Town of Fort Laramie Public Water System, located in Crook County, directing it to comply with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations. The violations alleged in the Order are failure to monitor for nitrate and failure to notify the EPA of the violation.

For more details, a copy of the Order is enclosed for your information. **The Order does not require any response or action by the County Commission.** If you have any questions regarding this Order, please contact Kathelene Brainich at (303) 312-6481.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arturo Palomares".

Arturo Palomares, Director  
Water Technical Enforcement Program  
Office of Enforcement, Compliance  
and Environmental Justice

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Ron Deburg (Stateline Station)

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the month in which Respondent receives sample results, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(a). Respondent shall report any violation of the nitrate monitoring requirements to the EPA within 48 hours of the violation occurring, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b).

9. This Order shall be binding on Respondent and any person (e.g., employee, contractor, or other agent) acting in concert with Respondent.

10. Respondent shall direct all reporting required by this Order to:

U.S. EPA Region 8 (8P-W-DW)  
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### GENERAL PROVISIONS

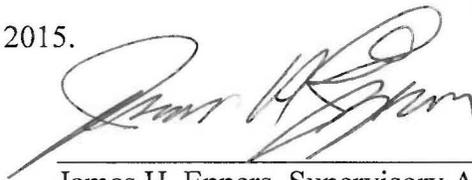
11. This Order shall not constitute a waiver, suspension, or modification of any requirement of the Act or Drinking Water Regulations. Issuance of this Order is not an election by the EPA to forgo any civil or criminal action.

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.

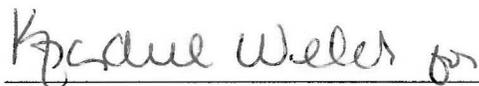
13. Respondent may seek federal judicial review of this Order pursuant to section 1448(a) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300j-7(a).

14. This Order is effective upon receipt by Respondent and will continue to be in effect until closed by the EPA.

Issued: June 11, 2015.



James H. Eppers, Supervisory Attorney  
Legal Enforcement Program  
Office of Enforcement, Compliance  
and Environmental Justice



Arturo Palomares, Director  
Water Technical Enforcement Program  
Office of Enforcement, Compliance  
and Environmental Justice