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Honorable Darrell Offe Mayor, Town of Hartville P.O. Box A Hartville, WY 82215

Re: Administrative Order Violation #2

Docket No. SDWA-08-2012-0059

PWS ID #WY5600186

Dear Mayor Offe:

This is the second letter notifying the Town of Hartville (Town) of noncompliance with the Administrative Order (Order) issued September 27, 2012, by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300f et seq. The EPA issued the first Order violation letter to the Town on April 30, 2013.

Our records indicate that the Town (Respondent) is again in violation of the Order. Among other things, the Order included the following requirement (quoted from item 16 on page 3 of the Order):

Respondent shall monitor the system's water monthly for total coliform bacteria, and, if any sample is positive for total coliform, conduct repeat and additional routine monitoring, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.21. Respondent shall report any violation of the total coliform monitoring requirements to EPA within 10 days after discovering the violation, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2).

Respondent failed to monitor the system's water for total coliform bacteria during May 2013 and did not report the noncompliance to EPA. While a total coliform sample was taken on May 30, 2013, the holding time was exceeded and the sample could not be tested. A replacement sample was not submitted. EPA strongly encourages public water systems to monitor early during the month so that there is sufficient time to resample in the event that there is a problem.

The EPA is considering additional enforcement action as a result of the Town's non-compliance with the Order. Violating an administrative order may lead to (1) a penalty of up to \$37,500 per day per violation of the order, and/or (2) a court injunction ordering compliance.

If the EPA's information appears incorrect and/or you have any questions, please contact Jill Minter at 1-800-227-8917, extension 6084, or (303) 312-6084. If you are represented by an attorney who has questions, please ask the attorney to contact Peggy Livingston, Enforcement Attorney, at 1-800-227-8917, extension 6858, or (303) 312-6858, or at the following address:

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We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Pardue Welch, Team Leader Drinking Water Enforcement Program

Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

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

James Weinkauf, Operator, Hartville Public Water System