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S. Joseph Darrah, Registered Agent
Wyoming High Country, LLC
254 E. 2nd Street
Powell, WY 82435

Re: Violation of Administrative
Order
Wyoming High Country Public
Water System
Docket No. SDWA-08-2012-0020
PWS ID # WY5601636

Dear Mr. Darrah:

On March 28, 2012, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an Administrative Order (Order), Docket No. SDWA-08-2012-0020, ordering Wyoming High Country, LLC (Respondent), as owner and/or operator of the Wyoming High Country public water system (System), to comply with various regulations issued by EPA under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. § 300f *et seq.*

Our records indicate that the Respondent is in violation of the Order. Among other things, the Order included the following requirements (quoted from paragraph 9 on page 2 of the Order):

1. Respondent shall monitor the System's water quarterly 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 analytical results to the EPA within the first 10 days following the month in which Respondent receives sample results, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(a). Respondent shall report any violation of coliform monitoring requirements in 40 C.F.R. part 141 to the EPA within 10 days after discovering the violation, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2).

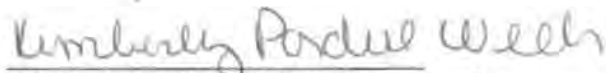
Respondent failed to collect a water sample for total coliform analysis during the 4th quarter (October – December) of 2012, and therefore violated that requirement of the Order.

EPA is considering additional enforcement action, including assessment of penalties, as a result of the non-compliance with the Order detailed above. 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 you have any questions or wish to have an informal conference with EPA, you may contact Mario Mérida at 1-800-227-8917, extension 6297 or (303) 312-6297. If you are represented by an attorney who has questions, please ask your attorney to contact Marc Weiner, Enforcement Attorney, at 1-800-227-8917, extension 6913 or (303) 312-6913 or at the following address:

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We urge your prompt attention to this matter.



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