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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Bryce Redgrave, Acting Director Indian Health Services Billings Area Office P.O. Box 36600 Billings, Montana 59107

Re: Closure of Administrative Order, Blackfeet Community Hospital, Docket No. SDWA-08-2013-0013

Dear Mr. Redgrave:

This letter is to inform you and the Blackfeet Community Hospital of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's decision to close the above-referenced Administrative Order (Order), Docket No. SDWA-08-2013-0013, issued to the Indian Health Services (IHS) as the owner and/or operator of the Blackfeet Community Hospital Public Water System, on March 8, 2013. The EPA has determined that IHS has complied with the requirements of the Order and, therefore, the EPA will close the Order at this time.

Please be aware that the IHS is still required to comply with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (regulations) at 40 C.F.R. part 141 at this and other IHS owned or operated public water systems. Violation of these regulations may result in a court-imposed injunction and/or penalties of up to \$37,500 per day of violation.

If you have any questions about this matter, please call Sienna Meredith at 406-457-5026. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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