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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Anita Swope, Owner  
Hot Springs Court  
P.O. Box 1032  
Polson, Montana 59860

Re: Administrative Order issued to Anita Swope regarding the Hot Springs Court Public Water System, PWS ID #083090312, Docket No. SDWA-08-2020-0023

Dear Ms. Swope:

Enclosed is an Administrative Order (Order) issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency 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 you, as owner and/or operator of the Hot Springs Court Public Water System (System), have violated the EPA's drinking water regulations at 40 C.F.R. part 141 (Part 141). The EPA is issuing this Order because our previous compliance assurance efforts have not been effective in returning the System to compliance with Part 141.

The Order is effective upon the date received. Please review the Order and within 10 business days provide the EPA with any pertinent information you believe the EPA may not have (*e.g.*, any monitoring that may have been done but not submitted, any updates to the number of service connections and/or individuals served). If the EPA does not hear from the you, the EPA will assume this information is correct. If you comply with the Order, the EPA may close the Order without further action.

Failure to comply with the Order may trigger immediate action by the EPA, including a complaint seeking administrative penalties. The complaint may lead to assessment of civil penalties of up to \$58,328 (as adjusted for inflation) per day of violation, a federal court injunction ordering compliance, or both.

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 entities, in case these are relevant. SBREFA does not eliminate the responsibility to comply with the Order or Part 141. Also enclosed are several templates and fact sheets to assist you in addressing the outstanding violations.

If you have any questions or to request an informal conference with the EPA, please contact Jill Minter via email at [minter.jill@gmail.com](mailto:minter.jill@gmail.com), or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6084, or (303) 312-6084.

Any questions from your attorney should be directed to Mia Bearley, Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, 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,

**Rathbone,  
Colleen**

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Colleen Rathbone, Chief  
Water Enforcement Branch  
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

Enclosures

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