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Ms. Brenda Wood
Fallon County Clerk and Recorder
PO Box 846
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woodb@falloncountymt.gov

Re: Administrative Order for Compliance Closure, EPA Docket No. CWA-08-2006-0032

Dear Ms. Wood:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing you this written notification of the closure of the EPA Administrative Order for Compliance Docket No. CWA-08-2006-0032 (Administrative Order), issued to Fallon County on July 17, 2006. Based on the annual monitoring reports submitted by Geum Environmental Consulting Inc., on behalf of Fallon County, and after consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the EPA has determined there are no remaining requirements under the Order. In accordance with paragraph 6 of the Administrative Order, Fallon County, therefore, has demonstrated satisfactory completion of the actions required by the 2018 Baker Lake Restoration Plan and Addendum (incorporated into the Administrative Order on June 20, 2018). We appreciate Fallon County's cooperation in this matter.

Please be advised that Fallon County is still required to comply with the Clean Water Act (CWA), its implementing regulations, and any applicable permits, after closure of the Administrative Order. Violations of the CWA, its implementing regulations or any applicable permits may result in a court-imposed injunction and/or penalties of up to \$68,445 per day for each violation.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or any other matter pertinent to compliance with the CWA, you may contact Rebecca Little Owl, Enforcement Officer, at (303) 312-6219 or littleowl.rebecca@epa.gov. Any questions from counsel should be directed to Charles Figur, Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, at (303) 312-6915 or figur.charles@epa.gov.

Thank you for your assistance in resolving this matter.

Sincerely,

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

cc:

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