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The Honorable Tracy King, President  
Fort Belknap Indian Community Council  
R.R. 1, Box 66  
Harlem, MT 59526

Ms. Margaret Nicholson, Director  
Prairie Mountain Utility  
R.R. 1, Box 91  
Fort Belknap Agency, Montana 59526

RE: Closure of Emergency Administrative Order  
Lodgepole Housing Public Water System  
PWS ID #083090047  
Docket No. SDWA-08-2013-0036

Dear President King and Ms. Nicholson:

This letter is to inform you of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) decision to close the Emergency Administrative Order (Emergency Order) issued on June 12, 2013 and amended on September 11, 2013, to Fort Belknap Indian Community (FBIC) and Prairie Mountain Utility (Utility) as owner(s) and/or operator(s) of the Lodgepole Housing public water system (System). EPA has determined that the FBIC and the Utility have completed all required actions of the Emergency Order and therefore, EPA will close the Emergency Order at this time.

Please be aware that the FBIC and the Utility are still required to comply with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR), 40 C.F.R. part 141.

EPA thanks you and your staff for the actions taken to protect public health at the water system. If you have any questions about the Emergency Order and its closure, please call Sienna Meredith at Meredith (800) 457-2690, extension 5026, or (406) 457-5026. Please direct any questions from counsel for the FBIC or the Utility to Amy Swanson, Enforcement Attorney, at (800) 227-8917, extension 6906, or at (303) 312-6906.

Sincerely,

Julie A. DalSoglio, Director  
EPA Region 8 Montana Office



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