

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 8

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IN THE MATTER OF:)	
)	Docket No. SDWA-08-2023-0010
Emmanuel Bible Church)	
)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
Respondent.)	
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Emmanuel Bible Church Public Water System)	
<u>PWS ID #WY5601700</u>	<u>)</u>	

1. This Order is issued under the authority vested in the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by section 1414(g) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (Act), 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g), as properly delegated to the undersigned official.
2. Emmanuel Bible Church (Respondent) is a Wyoming corporation that owns and/or operates the Emmanuel Bible Church Public Water System (System), which provides piped water to the public in Lincoln County, Wyoming for human consumption.
3. The System is supplied by a groundwater source accessed via one well. The water is untreated.
4. The System has approximately one service connection and/or regularly serves an average of approximately 138 individuals daily at least 60 calendar days out of the year. Therefore, the System is a “public water system” as defined in section 1401(4) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300f(4), and 40 C.F.R. § 141.2. Further, the System is a non-community water system that regularly serves at least 25 of the same persons over six months per year and, as such, is also a “non-transient, non-community” water system as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 141.2.
5. Respondent is a “person” as defined in section 1401(12) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300f(12) and is subject to the Act and 40 C.F.R. part 141 (Part 141). Part 141 is an “applicable requirement” as defined in section 1414(i) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(i).
6. Part 141 includes monitoring requirements. The EPA has sent Respondent annual notifications of the specific monitoring requirements that apply to the System.

VIOLATIONS

7. Respondent is required to monitor the System’s water annually for nitrate at every entry point to the distribution System which is representative of each well after treatment. 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.23(a) and (d). Respondent failed to monitor the System’s water for nitrate during 2019, 2021 and 2022 and therefore, violated this requirement. (Respondent sampled for nitrate on March 19, 2023).
8. Respondent is required to monitor the System’s water monthly for total coliform bacteria. 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.853-858. Respondent failed to monitor the System’s water for total coliform bacteria during February 2020, February 2021, May 2021, July 2021, August 2021, October 2021, December 2021, April 2022, May 2022, June 2022, July 2022, August 2022, November 2022, and January 2023 and therefore, violated this requirement.

9. Respondent is required to complete corrective action of a significant deficiency or comply with an EPA-approved corrective action plan and schedule within 120 calendar days (or earlier if instructed by the EPA) of receiving written notification from the EPA of a significant deficiency. 40 C.F.R. § 141.404(a). Respondent is required to notify the EPA within 30 calendar days of completion of a significant deficiency corrective action. 40 C.F.R. § 141.405(a)(2). Respondent received a sanitary survey report from the EPA on June 20, 2019, which detailed significant deficiencies. The EPA approved a schedule for the System to complete the corrective actions by December 28, 2019. Respondent failed to complete all corrective actions by December 28, 2019, and failed to notify the EPA within 30 calendar days of completion of a significant deficiency corrective action and therefore, violated this requirement. (Respondent completed corrective action of the significant deficiency on July 29, 2020. No further action required.)
10. Respondent is required to notify the public of certain violations of Part 141 and, within 10 calendar days after completing public notice, provide a copy of the public notice and certification to the EPA. 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.31(d) and 141.201-141.211. The violations identified in paragraphs 7 and 8 above, are classified as violations requiring Tier 3 public notice within 1 year, according to 40 C.F.R. § 141.204. The EPA's records reflect that the Respondent failed to notify the public of the violations cited in paragraphs 7 and 8 except as described below and failed to submit a copy of the public notice and certification to the EPA and therefore, violated this requirement. (The public notice deadline for the following violations cited in paragraph 8 has not passed: failure to monitor for total coliform during May 2022, June 2022, July 2022, August 2022, November 2022 and January 2023.)
11. Respondent is required to notify the public of certain violations of Part 141 and, within 10 calendar days after completing public notice, provide a copy of the public notice and certification to the EPA. 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.31(d) and 141.201-141.211. The violation identified in paragraph 9, above, is classified as a violation requiring a Tier 2 public notice within 30 calendar days, according to 40 C.F.R. § 141.203. The EPA's records reflect that the Respondent failed to notify the public of the violation cited in paragraph 9 and failed to submit a copy of the public notice and certification to the EPA and therefore, violated this requirement.
12. Respondent is required to report any failure to comply with Part 141 to the EPA within 48 hours (except where Part 141 specifies a different time period). 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b). Respondent failed to report the violations cited in paragraphs 7 and 9, above, to the EPA and therefore, violated this requirement.
13. Respondent is required to report any violation of total coliform monitoring requirements to the EPA within 10 calendar days after discovering the violation. 40 C.F.R. § 141.861(a)(4). Respondent failed to report the violations listed in paragraph 8 above, to the EPA and therefore, violated this requirement.

ORDER

Respondent is ordered to perform the following actions upon Respondent's receipt of this Order (unless a different deadline is specified below):

14. Respondent is ordered to comply with all provisions of the Act and Part 141, including but not limited to each requirement cited above.
15. Respondent shall monitor the System's water for nitrate, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.23(a) and (d). Respondent shall report results to the EPA within the first 10 calendar days following the end of the required monitoring period. 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(a).
16. Respondent shall monitor the System's water monthly for total coliform bacteria. If a sample is positive for total coliform, within 24 hours of being notified of the positive result, Respondent shall collect a set of three repeat samples for each total coliform-positive sample. 40 C.F.R. § 141.853-858. Respondent shall report results to the EPA within the first 10 calendar days following the end of the required monitoring period. 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(a).
17. Within 10 calendar days after completing a corrective action of a significant deficiency, Respondent shall notify the EPA of the project's completion. Respondent shall provide sufficient evidence to the EPA including photographs of the corrective actions. Thereafter, if the EPA identifies any significant deficiency at the System, Respondent shall complete corrective action for each significant deficiency and provide notification to the EPA within 30 calendar days of completion, as required by 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.403(a) and 141.405(a)(2).
18. Within 30 calendar days after receipt of this Order, Respondent shall notify the public of the violations cited in paragraphs 7, 8, and 9 above. Thereafter, following any future violation of Part 141, Respondent shall comply with any applicable public notice provisions of 40 C.F.R. part 141, subpart Q. Within 10 calendar days after providing public notice, Respondent shall submit a copy of the notice and certification to the EPA. 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(d). Templates and instructions are available at: <https://www.epa.gov/region8-waterops/reporting-forms-drinking-water-systems-wyoming-and-tribal-lands-epa-region-8#pn>.
19. Following any future violation of Part 141, Respondent shall comply with any applicable public notice provisions of 40 C.F.R. part 141, subpart Q. Within 10 calendar days after providing public notice, Respondent shall submit a copy of the notice and certification to the EPA. 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(d). Templates and instructions are available at: <https://www.epa.gov/region8-waterops/reporting-forms-drinking-water-systems-wyoming-and-tribal-lands-epa-region-8#pn>.
20. For any future violation of Part 141 for which this Order does not specify a reporting period, Respondent must report the violation to the EPA within 48 hours of the violation occurring, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b). However, if Part 141 specifies a different time period for reporting the particular violation, Respondent must report the violation to the EPA within that different period.

21. If the population or number of connections served by the System at least 60 days of the year falls below 25 individuals, Respondent must notify the EPA in writing within 10 calendar days by submitting a completed basic information form. The form is available at:
<https://www.epa.gov/region8-waterops/reporting-forms-drinking-water-systems-wyoming-and-tribal-lands-epa-region-8#chg>.

22. If Respondent (a) leases or sells the System to another person or entity, or (b) contracts with or hires any other person or entity to operate the System, Respondent must, within 10 calendar days, provide a copy of this Order to the lessee, purchaser, or contractor and notify the EPA in writing of the change. In either of these circumstances, Respondent will remain obligated to comply with this Order.

23. Respondent must send all reporting and notifications required by this Order to the EPA at:

Email: R8DWU@epa.gov, and carballal-broome.christina@epa.gov

GENERAL PROVISIONS

24. This Order is binding on Respondent, its successors and assigns if a corporation, and any person (e.g., employee, contractor, or other agent) acting in concert with Respondent.

25. This Order does not constitute a waiver, suspension, or modification of any requirement of the Act or Part 141. Issuance of this Order is not an election by the EPA to forgo any civil or criminal action.

26. Violation of any part of this Order, the Act, or Part 141 may subject Respondent to a civil penalty of up to \$67,544 (as adjusted for inflation) per day of violation, a court injunction ordering compliance, or both. 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3; 40 C.F.R. part 19; 88 Fed. Reg. at 989 (January 6, 2023).

27. Respondent may seek federal judicial review of this Order pursuant to section 1448(a) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300j-7(a).

Issued: May 17, 2023.

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