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Richard Opper, Director  
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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Docket No. **SDWA-08-2009-0009**  
Turah Pines Bar  
Public Water System  
12370 Old Hwy 10  
Turah, MT 59825  
PWS ID# MT0000843

Dear Mr. Opper:

The above referenced public drinking water system has violated certain provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act (the Act), 42 U.S.C. § 300f, et seq. and the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations at 40 C.F.R. part 141. The violations consist of exceeding the total coliform maximum contaminant level (MCL), failure to monitor for bacteriological quality, failure to monitor for nitrate, failure to provide public notice, and failure to notify the State of the violations. Our records, obtained from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's Public Water Supply Online Query Reports, indicate the violations noted below. Please have your staff notify Kimberly Pardue Welch at (303) 312-6983 within 20 days if your records show any discrepancies with these determinations of violation.

<u>Date of Violation</u>	<u>Violation</u>
October 2007, December 2007, and January 2008	Exceeded the MCL for total coliform bacteria. [40 C.F.R. § 141.63(a)(2)]
February 2007	Failure to monitor for bacteriological quality. [40 C.F.R. § 141.21(a) and ARM Chapter 38, Sub-Chapter 2, Section 17.38.215(1)(b)]
2006	Failure to monitor for nitrate. [40 C.F.R. § 141.23(d)]
2008	Failure to notify public of various violations listed above. [40 C.F.R. § 141.201]
2007 - 2008	Failure to report the above-referenced violations to the State [40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b)]

This Notice of Violation is issued pursuant to section 1414(a) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(a). If the State does not commence appropriate enforcement action within 30 days from the receipt of this notification, EPA is authorized either to issue an administrative order under section 1414(g) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g) requiring the public water system to comply with the regulations or requirements, or to commence civil action under section 1414(b) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(b).

Please inform EPA of any change in the compliance status of this system. You may wish to have your staff confer with Ms. Pardue Welch to determine the Agency's position concerning this system and to exchange appropriate information. If the State does not commence appropriate enforcement action within 30 days from the receipt of the notification, EPA will proceed with issuance of an administrative order.

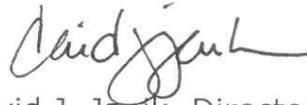
A copy of this Notice of Violation has been concurrently sent to the system identified above. Also enclosed for the benefit of the system is a copy of EPA's Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act (SBREFA) fact sheet containing information on compliance assistance resources and tools available to small businesses.

EPA has agreed to notify small businesses of their right to comment on regulatory enforcement activities at the same time of an Agency enforcement action. SBREFA does not eliminate the responsibility to comply with the Act.

Sincerely,



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and Environmental Justice



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