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John Chance Houle, Chairman Chippewa Cree Business Committee for the Rocky Boy Utilities P.O. Box 544 – Rocky Boy Route Box Elder, MT 59521

Re:

Emergency Administrative Order Closure Docket No. **SDWA-08-2007-0054** Rocky Boy Utilities, Newtown PWS PWS ID #083090075

Dear Chairman Houle:

This letter is to inform you of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) decision to close the Emergency Administrative Order ("Order"), Docket No. SDWA-08-2007-0054, issued on May 30, 2007, to Rocky Boy Utilities ("the Utility"), which owns and/or operates the Rocky Boy's Rural Water System located on the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation. This decision is based upon EPA's determination that an imminent and substantial endangerment to public health no longer exists.

Please be aware that the Utility is required to comply with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWRs), 40 C.F.R. Part 141. Violation of the NPDWRs or an administrative order may subject the Utility to a court-imposed injunction and penalties of up to \$32,500 per day of violation.

Thank you for your cooperation in resolving this issue. If you have any questions about this matter, the most knowledgeable people are Melanie Wasco, Environmental Protection Specialist, who can be reached at 303/312-6540 or 800/227-8917, extension 6540, or

David Janik, Acting Director of the Legal Enforcement Program, who can be reached at 303/312-6917 or 800/227-8917, extension 6917.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Brinee

Assistant Regional Administrator Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

cc: George Henderson, Utilities Manager Rocky Boy Utilities

Jim Morsette, Director of Water Resources Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation