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Mr. Tyler Schiltz, Environmental Superintendent
Ciner Wyoming LLC
P.O. Box 513
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Re: Administrative Order issued to Ciner Wyoming LLC regarding Ciner Wyoming LLC Public Water System, PWS ID #WY5600634, Docket No. SDWA-08-2021-0036

Dear Mr. Schiltz:

Enclosed is an Administrative Order (Order) issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under the authority of section 1414(g) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g). Among other things, the Order alleges that Ciner Wyoming LLC (Company), as owner and/or operator of the Ciner Wyoming LLC Public Water System (System), has violated the EPA's drinking water regulations at 40 C.F.R. part 141 (Part 141). The EPA is issuing this Order because our previous compliance assurance efforts have not been effective in returning the System to compliance with Part 141.

The Order is effective upon the date received. Please review the Order and within 10 business days provide the EPA with any pertinent information you believe the EPA may not have (*e.g.*, any monitoring that may have been done but not submitted, any updates to the number of service connections and/or individuals served). If the EPA does not hear from you, the EPA will assume this information is correct. If the Company complies with the Order, the EPA may close the Order without further action. Failure to comply with the Order may trigger immediate action by the EPA, including a complaint seeking administrative penalties. The complaint may lead to assessment of civil penalties of up to \$59,017 (as adjusted for inflation) per day of violation, a federal court injunction ordering compliance, or both.

The Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act (SBREFA) may apply to this situation. Enclosed is a small business information sheet, outlining compliance assistance resources available to small businesses and small entities, in case these are relevant. SBREFA does not eliminate the responsibility to comply with the Order or Part 141. Also enclosed are several templates and fact sheets to assist you in addressing the outstanding violations.

The EPA acknowledges that the COVID-19 pandemic may be impacting your business. If the System has specific COVID-19 issues that would affect the timeframes listed herein, please contact Nathaniel Hicks via email at hicks.nathaniel@epa.gov or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6546, or (303) 312-6546 within 7 business days of receiving this Order. The EPA may, in its discretion, consider granting an extension.

If you have any questions or to request an informal conference with the EPA, please contact Nathan Hicks via email at hicks.nathaniel@epa.gov, or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6546, or (303) 312-6546. Any questions from the Company's attorney should be directed to Mia Bearley, Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, via email at bearley.mia@epa.gov or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6554, or (303) 312-6554.

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Colleen Rathbone, Chief
Water Enforcement Branch
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Enclosures

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