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The Honorable Raymond Parker Jr., Chairman Chippewa Cree Business Committee RR1 Box 544 Box Elder, MT 59521

> Re: Closure of Emergency Order

> > Docket No. SDWA-08-2010-0053 Rocky Boy's Water Resources Box Elder Water System PWS ID #083090072

Dear Chairman Parker:

On June 22, 2010, EPA issued an Emergency Order to the Tribal Water Resources Department. I am writing today to close that Order. The extreme weather conditions which occurred last spring caused a widespread water outage on the Reservation, leading to issuance of the Order. I appreciate the prompt reporting of the emergency and all the hard work of your staff to provide alternate water, notify residents of the need to boil their water, and collect special samples. I understand final repairs to the water lines were made in early December.

Unfortunately, it looks as though the potential for flooding will be high again this spring. I hope you will call us if you have concerns that EPA can assist with. I can be reached at 457-5025, or Barbara Burkland can be reached at 457-5009.

Sincerely.

Julie DalSoglio, Director

EPA Region 8, Montana Office

cc: Jay Eagleman, Director, Tribal Water Resources Department