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<u>SENT VIA EMAIL</u> DIGITAL READ RECEIPT REQUESTED

The Honorable John Meyer, Mayor Town of Dubois dubois@wyoming.com

Re: Administrative Order issued to the Town of Dubois regarding the Town of Dubois Public Water System, PWS ID #5600177, Docket No. SDWA-08-2021-0033

Dear Mayor Meyer:

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 the Town of Dubois (Town), as owner and/or operator of the Town of Dubois Public Water System (System), has violated the EPA's drinking water regulations at 40 C.F.R. part 141 (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 the Town believes 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 the Town, the EPA will assume this information is correct. If the Town 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.

EPA acknowledges that the COVID-19 pandemic may be impacting your Town. If the Town has specific COVID-19 issues that would affect the timeframes listed herein, please contact Jill Minter via email at minter.jill@epa.gov or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6084, or (303) 312-6084 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 discuss this Order with the EPA, please contact Jill Minter at the email and phone number provided above. Any questions from the Town'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 Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

Enclosures

cc: WY DEQ/DOH (via email)

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