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Richard Opper, Director
Montana Department of
Environmental Quality
1520 E. Sixth Avenue
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Helena, MT 59620-0901

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Docket No. ~~SDWA~~-08-2008-0062
Seeley Lake Missoula County
Water District
P.O. Box 503
Rice Ridge Road
Seeley Lake, MT 59868
PWS ID# MT0000327

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 maximum contaminant levels (MCL) for disinfection byproducts, failure to monitor turbidity, 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 of my staff at (303) 312-6983 within 20 days if your records show any discrepancies with these determinations of violation.

Date of
Violation

Violation

3rd quarter 2004,
4th quarter 2004,
1st quarter 2005,
2nd quarter 2005,
2nd quarter 2006,
3rd quarter 2006,
4th quarter 2006,
1st quarter 2007,
2nd quarter 2007,
3rd quarter 2007,
and
1st quarter 2008

Exceeded the MCL for disinfection byproducts (HAA5). [40 C.F.R. § 141.64(b) and 141.132(b)]

July 2007

Failure to monitor for turbidity. [40 C.F.R. § 141.74 (c)(1)]

2004 - 2006

Failure to notify public of above referenced violations (Except for the 2nd - 4th quarter 2006 and the 1st - 3rd quarters 2007 for disinfection byproducts MCL violations). [40 C.F.R. § 141.201]

2004 - 2007

Failure to report the above-referenced violations to the State [40 C.F.R. §§ 141.21(g)(1), 141.21(g)(2) and 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 my staff 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. Our technical contact is Kimberly Pardue Welch at (303) 312-6983.

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,



Diane L. Sipe, Director
Technical Enforcement Program
Office of Enforcement, Compliance
and Environmental Justice



David J. Janik, Acting Director
Matthew Cohn, Acting Supervisory Attorney
Legal Enforcement Program
Office of Enforcement, Compliance
and Environmental Justice

Enclosure:

SBREFA fact sheet

cc: Vincent Chappell, General Manager (via Certified Mail w/ return receipt)
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