

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 8

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## **SENT VIA EMAIL**

Mr. Ed Rojas, Lessee Northern Dream Lounge 1425 W. Ormsby Road Casper, WY 82601 rojas.ed@live.com

Re: Administrative Order issued to Ed Rojas regarding Northern Dream Lounge Public Water System, PWS ID #WY5600592 Docket No. SDWA-08-2022-0014

Dear Mr. Rojas:

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 you, as lessee who operates the Northern Dream Lounge Public Water System (System) have 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 you comply 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 \$62,689 (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 Christina Carballal via email at <a href="mailto:carballal-broome.christina@epa.gov">carballal-broome.christina@epa.gov</a> or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6046, or (303) 312-6046 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 Christina Carballal at the email and phone number provided above. Any questions from your attorney should be directed to Mia Bearley, Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, via email at <a href="mailto:bearley.mia@epa.gov">bearley.mia@epa.gov</a> 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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