

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 8

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Jenna Whitlock, Acting State Director Bureau of Land Management Utah State Office 440 West 200 South, Suite 500 Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

Re: Administrative Order, Indian Crossing Campground Public Water System, PWS ID# UTAH 05040, Docket No. SDWA-08-2015-0013

Dear Ms. Whitlock:

Enclosed is an Administrative Order (Order) issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 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 Bureau of Land Management (BLM), as owner and/or operator of the Indian Crossing Campground public water system (System), has violated the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations at 40 C.F.R. part 141 (Drinking Water Regulations).

The Order is effective upon the date received. Please review the Order and within 10 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, public notice distributed, etc.). 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 lead to substantial civil penalties and/or a federal court injunction ordering compliance.

The Order requires you to notify the public of having violated the Drinking Water Regulations. Enclosed please find a public notice template explaining the public notice requirements in more detail.

To submit information, to request paper copies of public notice forms and instructions, or to request an informal conference with the EPA, please contact Olive Hofstader at the above address (with the mailcode 8ENF-W), hofstader.olive@epa.gov or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6467, or (303) 312-6467. Any questions from your attorney should be directed to Mia

Bearley, Enforcement Attorney, who may be reached at the above address (with the mailcode 8ENF-L), 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,

Arturo Palomares, Director

Water Technical Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance,

and Environmental Justice

#### **Enclosures**

Order

Public Notice Template

cc: Tina Artemis, EPA Regional Hearing Clerk
Patti Fauver, UTDEQ Drinking Water Rule Section Manager (by email)

Trent Duncan, Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office (by email) Merlin Sinfield, Bureau of Land Management, Vernal Field Office (by email)

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IN THE MATTER OF:	FILED
	) Docket No. SDWA-08-2015-0013 EPA REGION VIII
	HEARING CLERK
Bureau of Land Management,	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
	)
Respondent.	

- 1. This Order is issued under the authority vested in the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by section 1414(g) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (Act), 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g), as properly delegated to the undersigned official.
- 2. The Bureau of Land Management (Respondent) is a Federal Agency that owns and/or operates the Indian Crossing Campground Public Water System (System), which provides piped water to the public in Daggett County, Utah, for human consumption.
- 3. The System is supplied by a groundwater source consisting of 1 well and is not treated.
- 4. The System has approximately 3 service connections and/or regularly serves an average of approximately 144 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year. Therefore, the System is a "public water system" as defined in section 1401(4) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300f(4), and 40 C.F.R. § 141.2. The System is also a "transient, non-community water system" as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 141.2.
- 5. Respondent is subject to the Act and the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (Drinking Water Regulations) at 40 C.F.R. part 141. The Drinking Water Regulations are "applicable requirements" as defined in section 1414(i) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(i).
- 6. The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (State) has primary enforcement authority for the public water system supervision provisions of the Act in the State of Utah. The EPA issued a notice of Respondent's violations to the State and to Respondent on May 7, 2015. The State elected not to commence an enforcement action against Respondent for the violations listed in that notification within the 30-day time frame set forth in section 1414(a) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(a). The EPA has provided a copy of this Order to the State and has provided the State the opportunity to confer with the EPA regarding this Order.

#### **VIOLATIONS**

- 7. Respondent is required to monitor the System's water quarterly for total coliform bacteria. 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(a). Respondent failed to monitor the System's water for total coliform bacteria during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2011 and, therefore, violated this requirement
- 8. Respondent is required to complete corrective action of a significant deficiency or be in compliance with a State-approved corrective action plan and schedule within 120 days of receiving written notification from the State of the significant deficiency. 40 C.F.R. § 141.404(a). Respondent is required to notify the State within 30 days of completion of a significant deficiency corrective action.

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- 40 C.F.R. § 141.405(a)(2). On May 31, 2011, the State advised Respondent that significant deficiencies previously identified by the State at the System, including lack of required storage capacity, was to be corrected by July 31, 2011. On December 4, 2013, the State advised Respondent that another significant deficiency was identified, lack of overflow on the storage tank, and was to be corrected within 120 days. This letter also required the Respondent to notify the State within 30 days of completing the correction of a significant deficiency. On April 18, 2014, Respondent advised the State that improvements were made to the System during March and April of 2011. Respondent completed the corrective actions of the significant deficiencies by the applicable deadlines. However, Respondent did not notify the State of the corrections until April 18, 2014, and, therefore, violated the requirements.
- 9. Respondent is required to request approval of plans and specifications for all public drinking water projects, as described in Utah Administrative Code (UAC) R309-500-5, and receive approval in writing by the Director prior to the commencement of construction. UAC R309-105-6(1). Respondent failed to request approval of plans and specifications for water system improvements prior to construction, and, therefore, violated this requirement. On April 18, 2014, Respondent submitted a letter to the Utah Division of Drinking Water (Division) to request an after the fact approval for improvements completed in 2011 and 2013. On May 20, 2015, the Division issued after-the-fact Plan Approval and Operating Permit for the system improvements.
- 10. Respondent is required to notify the public of certain violations of the Drinking Water Regulations. 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.201-141.211. Respondent failed to notify the public of the violation cited in paragraphs 7 and 8, above, and, therefore, violated this requirement.
- 11. Respondent is required to report any failure to comply with any coliform monitoring requirement to the State within 10 days after discovering the violation. 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2). Respondent failed to report the violation listed in paragraph 7, above, to the State and, therefore, violated this requirement.
- 12. Respondent is required to report any failure to comply with any Drinking Water Regulation to the State within 48 hours (except where the Drinking Water Regulations specify a different time period). 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b). Respondent failed to report the violations cited in paragraphs 8 through 10, above, to the State and, therefore, violated this requirement.

#### **ORDER**

Based on the above violations, Respondent is ordered to perform the following actions upon Respondent's receipt of this Order (unless a different deadline is specified below):

13. Respondent shall monitor the System's water for total coliform bacteria during the 2<sup>nd</sup> (April – June) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (July-September) quarters every year, and, if any sample is positive for total coliform, conduct repeat and additional routine monitoring, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.21. Within the first 10 days following the month in which Respondent receives sample results, Respondent shall (a) report the results to the State, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(a), and (b) provide the EPA with a copy of this notification. If Respondent violates any coliform monitoring requirement in 40 C.F.R. part 141, then,

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within 10 days after discovering the violation, Respondent shall (a) report this violation to the State, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2), and (b) provide the EPA with a copy of this notification.

- 14. Respondent shall consult with the State regarding appropriate corrective actions within 30 days of receiving written notice of any significant deficiencies at the System which may be identified by the State, and complete corrective actions for those significant deficiencies within 120 days, or in compliance with a State-approved corrective action plan and schedule. Respondent shall notify the State and the EPA within 30 days of completion of a corrective action for a significant deficiency. 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.403(a)(4), 404(a), and 405(a)(2). Note: Significant deficiencies, if any, are identified by the State during sanitary surveys of public water systems; the next sanitary survey of the System is expected to take place during 2016.
- 15. For any future system improvements, Respondent shall request approval of plans and specifications for all public drinking water projects, as described in UAC R309-500-5, and receive approval in writing by the Director prior to the commencement of construction. UAC R309-105-6(1).
- 16. Within 30 days after receipt of this Order, Respondent shall notify the public of the violations cited in paragraphs 7 and 8, above. Thereafter, following any future violation of the Drinking Water Regulations, Respondent shall comply with any applicable public notice provisions of 40 C.F.R. part 141, subpart Q. Within 10 days after providing public notice, Respondent shall submit a copy of the notice to the State and the EPA.
- 17. For any future violation of the Drinking Water Regulations for which this Order does not specify a reporting period, Respondent shall, within 48 hours (a) report that violation to the State as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b), and (b) provide the EPA a copy of this notification. However, if the Drinking Water Regulations specify a different time period for reporting the particular violation, Respondent shall report the violation to the State and to the EPA within that different period.
- 18. This Order shall be binding on Respondent, and any person (e.g., employee, contractor, or other agent) acting in concert with Respondent.
- 19. If Respondent (a) leases or sells the System to another person or entity, or (b) contracts with or hires any other person or entity to operate the System, Respondent shall, no later than the date of such lease, sale, or other contract, provide a copy of this Order to the lessee, purchaser, or contractor. No later than 10 days thereafter, Respondent shall notify the State and the EPA in writing of the lease, sale, or other contract, with such notification to include the name and contact information of the person who has leased, bought, or contracted to operate the System. Respondent shall remain obligated to comply with this Order even if Respondent leases the System to another person or entity or hires another person or entity to operate the System.

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20. Respondent shall send all reporting and notifications required by this Order in writing to BOTH:

AND

Olive Hofstader U.S. EPA Region 8 (ENF-W) 1595 Wynkoop Street Denver, Colorado 80202-1129 Patti Fauver, Rules Section Manager Utah Department of Environmental Quality Division of Drinking Water P.O. Box 144830 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4830

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- 21. This Order shall not constitute a waiver, suspension, or modification of any requirement of the Act or the Drinking Water Regulations. Issuance of this Order is not an election by the EPA to forgo any civil or criminal action.
- 22. Violation of any part of this Order or the Drinking Water Regulations may subject Respondent to a civil penalty of up to \$32,500 (as adjusted for inflation) per day of violation. 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3; 40 C.F.R. part 19.
- 23. Respondent may seek federal judicial review of this Order pursuant to section 1448(a) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300j-7(a).
- 24. This Order is effective upon receipt by Respondent and will continue to be in effect until closed by the EPA.

Issued: ( ) , 2015.

James H. Eppers, Supervisory Attorney

Legal Enforcement Program

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and Environmental Justice

Arturo Palomares, Director

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### **DRINKING WATER NOTICE**

## Monitoring Requirements Not Met for [System]

We violated a drinking water requirement. Even though this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have the right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

\*We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During [compliance period] we ['did not monitor' or 'did not complete all monitoring'] for [contaminant(s)] and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.\*

#### What This Means

There is nothing you need to do at this time. The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for, how often we are supposed to sample (frequency) and how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were (or will be) taken.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When samples should have been taken	When samples were (or will be) taken
Coliform (example)	Two samples per month	1	July 1, July 15, August 1	July 1, August 1

## Steps We Are Taking

[Describe corrective action.]

For more information, please contact [name of contact] of [system] at [phone number] or [location/address].

\*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.\*

This notice is beir	ng sent to you by	[system]. State	Water System ID#:	
Date distributed:				

## Instructions for Monitoring Violation Notice - Template NC-6

#### Template on Reverse

Since most monitoring violations are included in Tier 3, you must provide public notice to persons served within one year after you learn of the violation [40 CFR 141.204(b)]. Multiple monitoring violations can be serious, and your state may have more stringent requirements. Check with your state to make sure you meet its requirements.

Noncommunity water systems must use one of the following methods [40 CFR 141.204(c)]:

- Posting in conspicuous locations
- Hand or direct delivery
- Mail

In addition, you must use *another* method reasonably calculated to reach others if they would not be reached by the first method [40 CFR 141.204(c)].

You must post the notice until the violation is resolved. If the violation has already been resolved, you must post the notice for at least seven days [40 CFR 141.204(b)]. If you mail, post, or hand deliver, you should print your notice on your system's letterhead, if available.

The template on the reverse is appropriate for use as an annual notice combining notification for several violations, as well as for notices for individual violations. This template presents violations in a table; however, you may write out an explanation for each violation if you wish.

You may need to modify the notice if you had any monitoring violations for which monitoring later showed a maximum contaminant level or other violation. In such cases, you should refer to the public notice you issued at that time. If you do modify the notice, you must still include all required PN elements and leave the mandatory language unchanged (see below).

#### **Mandatory Language**

Mandatory language for monitoring and testing procedure violations [40 CFR 141.205(d)] must be included as written (with blanks filled in) and is presented in this notice in italics and with an asterisk on either end.

This template also includes mandatory language encouraging further distribution to persons who may not have received the notice [40 CFR 141.205(d)] and is presented in this notice in italics and with an asterisk on either end. However, if you post the notice such that all possible users have access to the notice, this language is not applicable and can be omitted.

#### **Corrective Actions**

In your notice describe corrective actions you took or are taking. Listed below are some steps commonly taken by water systems with monitoring violations. Choose the appropriate language, or develop your own text:

- We have since taken the required samples, as described in the last column of the table above. The samples showed we are meeting drinking water standards.
- We have since taken the required samples, as described in the last column of the table above. The sample
  for [contaminant] exceeded the limit. [Describe corrective action; use information from public notice prepared
  for violating the limit.]
- We plan to take the required samples soon, as described in the last column of the table above.

#### After Issuing the Notice

Be sure to send your state a copy of each type of notice and a certification that you have met all the public notification requirements within ten days after issuing the notice [40 CFR 141.31(d)].