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CERTIFIED MAIL LETTER RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Russell Jessop, Administrator Town of Pinesdale P.O. Box 410228 Pinesdale, MT 59841

> Re: 7th Addendum to the Administrative Order issued to the Town of Pinesdale Public Water System, PWS ID #MT0002926, Docket No. SDWA-08-2008-0106

Dear Mr. Jessop:

On September 19, 2008, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an Administrative Order (Order), Docket No. SDWA-08-2008-0106, ordering the Town of Pinesdale (Town) to comply with various regulations issued by EPA under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300f <u>et seq</u>. Since the Order was issued, the Town has submitted, and EPA has approved, several Addendums to incorporate into the Order plans for treatment that will ensure compliance with effluent turbidity limits and disinfection byproducts (DBP) maximum contaminant levels (MCL). The previous Addendums approved extensions for interim deadlines of the schedule while keeping the final compliance date of December 2014. During this time, the Town has worked closely with Montana Rural Water, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and United States Department of Agriculture - Rural Development. On March 17, 2014 the Town submitted their advertisement for bid for the treatment plant to EPA and DEQ. Shortly thereafter, DEQ requested the Town amend the advertisement for bid to include a third treatment technology, membranes. This will ensure all possible alternatives are evaluated. On March 26, 2014, Russell Jessop, on behalf of the Town, requested approval to submit a new plan and schedule for bringing the System into consistent compliance with the turbidity and disinfection byproducts requirements.

On November 7, 2014 the Town submitted their Preliminary Engineer Report to the EPA and DEQ. As part of that submittal the Town also provided the EPA and DEQ with a revised Plan for the remainder of the project, which was updated on February 9, 2015.

This 7th Addendum, approves the schedule below for implementing treatment adjustments to prevent future turbidity exceedances, Disinfection Byproduct exceedances and securing funding for the planned water treatment plant improvements.

Town of Pinesdale Compliance Plan and Schedule

Action	Deadline Date
If finished water turbidity exceeds 1.0 NTU, the Town will shut off incoming raw water from entering treatment and distribution systems until turbidity levels decline. The Town will use finished water from the storage tank and implement community awareness program.	Spring 2011 – Project Completion
The Town will submit an application to State Revolving Fund (SRF) for a loan to fund the remaining costs that are not met by the grant funds already awarded by TSEP, CDBG, and DNRC for the water treatment plant improvements.	December 31, 2014
Pending approval from SRF for the loan and the Town's legislative body to accept the loan; the Town will provide their Engineer with the notice to proceed for final design.	January 31, 2015
The Town will submit the final design of the treatment plant project for bid to get the best cost for the Town.	July 1, 2015
Final completion of the treatment plant improvements and be in compliance with MT DEQ and EPA drinking water standards.	March 28, 2016

Please note that EPA expects this approved schedule to be met. While not creating any right to an extension, EPA may in its discretion consider granting an extension to any deadline in the schedule under limited circumstances. If unexpected events occur that are beyond the Town's control and that may prompt the Town to request an extension of these deadlines, the Town will be responsible for notifying EPA well in advance of the deadline dates. EPA will not consider extending these deadlines without a clear justification for their need. The Town must provide the following information in any request for extensions: a description of the work that has been completed and the additional work that may not be completed by the deadline dates, the unexpected events that occurred and how the Town attempted to foresee or overcome these obstacles, the proposed new deadline dates, and an explanation that justifies the new proposed deadline dates.

Please be advised that the Town is required to comply with all provisions of the Order. Penalties for failing to comply are set forth in the Order. Please contact Sienna Meredith, at 1-800-457-2690 or (406) 457-5026 if you have any questions concerning this Addendum. If the Town is represented by an

attorney who has questions, please ask the attorney to call Marc Weiner, Enforcement Attorney, at 1-800-227-8917, extension 6913, or at (303) 312-6913.

Sincerely,

Julie A. DalSoglio, Director EPA Region 8 Montana Office

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