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Shelly R. Fyant, Chairwoman  
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Re: Emergency Administrative Order under Section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act,  
Turtle Lake Public Water System, PWS ID #083090032  
Docket No. SDWA-08-2021-0025

Dear Chairwoman Fyant and Ms. Davis:

Enclosed is an Emergency Administrative Order (Order) issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to the Salish Kootenai Housing Authority (Utility), under section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (Act), 42 U.S.C. § 300i.

The EPA has determined that conditions exist at the Turtle Lake Public Water System (System) that may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the persons served by the System. The EPA has made this determination based on a notification from Montana Environmental Laboratory, LLC on June 11, 2021 that the System has confirmed *E. coli* contamination, as described in the Order.

Pursuant to the authority set forth in section 1431 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300i, the EPA is authorized to take actions necessary to protect human health. The Order and its requirements are necessary to ensure adequate protection of public health.

The enclosed Order sets forth the actions that must be taken to ensure that the people served by the System are provided with safe drinking water. The Order requires the Utility to, among other things, take the following actions: issue a boil water advisory and provide an alternate source of water until notified by the EPA to discontinue; submit a plan and schedule for corrective actions; disinfect and flush the System; and take additional total coliform bacteria samples.

The penalties for failing to comply are set forth in the Order. If you have any questions or wish to discuss the Order, please contact Steven Latino at (800) 227-8917 extension 6440 or 303-312-6440, or by email at [latino.steven@epa.gov](mailto:latino.steven@epa.gov). Any questions from counsel should be directed to Abigail Dean,

Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, (800) 227-8917, extension 6106, or at (303) 312- 6106, or by email at Dean.Abigail@epa.gov.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Suzanne J. Bohan, Director  
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