

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Joe Harmon, Owner High Plains Ranch 7911 Archies Road Cheyenne, WY 82001-9211

Re: Administrative Order Violation, High Plains Ranch Public Water System, PWS ID #WY5600260, Docket # SDWA- 08-2011-0068

Dear Mr. Harmon:

On September 13, 2011, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an Administrative Order (Order) ordering you, as owner and/or operator of the High Plains Ranch public water system, to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. Section 300f et seq., and its implementing regulations, the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWRs), 40 C.F.R. part 141.

Our records indicate that you are in violation of the Order. Among other things, the Order included the following requirement (summarized from paragraph 19 on page 3 of the Order) in which you are named as Respondent and the High Plains Ranch public water system was named as the System:

Respondent shall monitor the System's water for lead and copper as directed by EPA in accordance with 40 C. F. R. § 141.86(b), (c) and (d). Respondent shall report analytical results to EPA within the first 10 days following the end of the monitoring period, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.90.

The Monitoring and Reporting Requirements schedule sent to you on February 13, 2012, and on February 8, 2013, notified you of the requirement to monitor for lead and copper between June 1, 2013, and September 30, 2013. The EPA has not received 2013 lead and copper monitoring results for your system. Lead and copper monitoring must be conducted during the summer months of June-September.

The EPA is considering additional enforcement action as a result of your non-compliance with the Order. Violating an Administrative Order may lead to (1) a penalty of up to \$37,500 per day per violation of the Order, and/or (2) a court injunction ordering compliance.

If you have any questions you may contact Kathelene Brainich at 1-800-227-8917, extension 6481, or (303) 312-6481. If you are represented by an attorney who has questions, please ask the attorney to direct any legal questions to Mia Bearley, Enforcement Attorney, at 1-800-227-8917, extension 6554 or (303) 312-6554, or at the following address:

Mia Bearley, Enforcement Attorney U.S. EPA, Region 8 (8ENF-L) 1595 Wynkoop Street Denver, Colorado 80202-1129

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Kimberly Pardue-Welch, Team Leader Drinking Water Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

cc: WY DEQ/DOH (via email) Tina Artemis, EPA Regional Hearing Clerk