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Anna Whiting Sorrell, Director  
Indian Health Services, Billings Area Office  
P.O. Box 3600  
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Re: Administrative Order Addendum  
Docket No. SDWA- 08-2013-0013  
Blackfeet Community Hospital  
Public Water System  
PWS ID #083090092

Dear Ms. Sorrell:

This Addendum to the Blackfeet Community Hospital Public Water System (System) Administrative Order (AO) issued to the Indian Health Services (IHS) on March 8, 2013, incorporates the Plan and Schedule submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to paragraph 16 on March 19 and May 9, 2013. The Plan and Schedule includes a revised Backup Utility Policy manual, distribution map, and explanation of how and when EPA will be notified of when the System switches sources. This Addendum constitutes the EPA's written approval of the IHS's Plan as indicated below and will be incorporated into the AO, meaning each action in the Plan will be an enforceable part of the AO.

Upon receipt of this Addendum, IHS will comply with the following actions:

1. IHS will notify EPA if there are any changes to the current distribution map including changes to the primary sources. As of May 9, 2013, the primary sources are the System's wells and the backup source is the City of Browning.
2. IHS will ensure that the System takes its Total Coliform Rule (TCR) samples according to the most recent TCR sampling schedule which was updated on April 24, 2013 (and is enclosed).
3. IHS will ensure that the System notifies EPA within 24 hours via both telephone and email should pressure, capacity, and/or water quality issues arise requiring that the sources be switched.
4. IHS will ensure that the System follows its Backup Utility Policy updated on May 9, 2013. This includes but is not limited to the following:
  - a. Clean and disinfect the cistern no less than twice a year at least once in the Spring.
  - b. Backwash the filter no less than once per week or more if the filter loading deems it necessary.

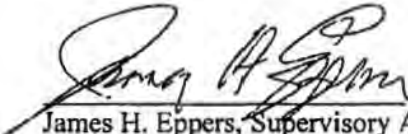


- c. Flush the System's distribution following any change in sources of water and document the process.
- d. In the event of a positive TCR sample;
  - Notify EPA immediately via phone and email,
  - Collect the appropriate repeats samples within 24 hours per the TCR sampling plan,
  - Conduct source sampling accordingly,
  - Shock chlorinate when deemed necessary and appropriate,
  - Conduct TCR sampling at the inlet and outlet of the sand filter; replace filter media if needed, and
  - Clean and disinfect the cistern.

Please be advised that the IHS is required to comply with all provisions of the AO and this Addendum. Penalties for failing to comply are set forth in the AO. Please contact Sienna Meredith at 1-866-457-2690, extension 5026 or (406) 457-5026, if you have any questions regarding the AO or Addendum. If you are represented by an attorney who has questions, please have them contact Amy Swanson, Enforcement Attorney, at 1-800-227-8917, extension 6556, (303) 312-6906, or swanson.amy@epa.gov.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
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