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The Honorable Cedric Black Eagle, Chairman Crow Tribe P.O. Box 400 Crow Agency, MT 59022

Vianna Stewart, Superintendant Bureau of Indian Affairs P.O. Box 69 Crow Agency, MT 59022

RE: Emergency Administrative Order

Addendum

Docket No. SDWA-08-2011-0045 Crow Agency Water System PWS ID 083090011

Dear Chairman Black Eagle and Superintendant Stewart:

As you are aware, EPA issued an Emergency Administrative Order (EAO) to the Crow Tribe and BIA following intermittent low water pressure in the community of Crow Agency beginning on May 24. This letter serves as follow-up to email notification on June 6, 2011 to Leroy Cummins, Bruce Ward, Chris Dillon, Jim Real Bird, Larry Kindness and John Doyle that coliform sampling requirements may be reduced from daily to weekly, the provisioning of alternative water is no longer required, and that the boil order for Crow Agency may be lifted.

Paragraph 14 of the EAO requires that a boil water advisory be distributed within the affected area until notified otherwise by EPA. The boil advisory may now be cancelled.

Paragraph 15 of the EAO requires that the public in the affected area be notified that an alternative potable water supply is available. Alternative water is no longer necessary and this notification may be discontinued.

Paragraph 18 of the EAO requires that the operational status of monitoring and recording equipment be verified. The continuous chlorine monitor for TP-02 is not operational. Operators shall collect a grab sample for chlorine residual at least once every four hours.

Paragraph 22 of the EAO requires that the system's water be monitored daily for total coliform bacteria, chlorine residual, and tap pressure. This may be reduced to one sample per week for total coliform bacteria and chlorine residual. Please continue daily monitoring of tap pressure as described in the paragraph below.

Paragraph 23 of the EAO requires that tap pressure be monitored at the same time and location as total coliform samples required in paragraph 22. Only one tap pressure reading has been provided. Please continue to monitor tap pressure daily at a site near the end of the distribution system such as Battlefield Express or the Senior Citizen Center. Please do not monitor pressure at the IHS Hospital due to a booster pump at that facility which interferes with pressure readings.

Paragraph 24 of the EAO requires that one coliform sample per week now be collected. Please record the chlorine residual at the same time and location. A sample for this week has already been collected. Please collect your next sample the week of June 13.

All other requirements of the EAO remain in effect. Should you have questions about these or other requirements of the EAO, you may contact Barbara Burkland in the EPA Montana Office, who can be reached at (406) 457-5009, or your attorney may contact Amy Swanson, Enforcement Attorney, who can be reached at (303) 312-6906.

Sincerely,

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