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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Honorable Samuel Vieyra, Mayor Town of Rock River POB 280 Rock River, WY 82083

Re:

: Administrative Order Violation #3 Docket No. SDWA-08-2009-0050 PWS ID #5600048

Dear Mayor Vieyra:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) extends sincere condolences for the unexpected death of the Town Engineer, Jim Cavalli.

The Town of Rock River (the Town) is in violation of the June 18, 2009, Administrative Order (Order) EPA issued to the Town under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. Section 300f <u>et seq.</u> and the September 21, 2010, Addendum to the Order, which incorporated a schedule for the installation of treatment. The Addendum required the Town to obtain a Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) permit for a pilot plant by November 16, 2010. EPA has been notified by DEQ that the permit cannot be issued since it is incomplete. This constitutes a violation of the Order.

DEQ is prepared, for the second time, to deny the Town's permit application. Among other things, the application does not contain raw water data, supporting data to evaluate total organic carbon (TOC) reduction during the low and high TOC seasons, planned flow rates for the pilot study, the range of reagent dosing, and the water quality parameters that will be collected during the pilot study. The Town must submit a complete permit application to DEQ that contains all information required for DEQ to issue a permit and keep the Town on track with the schedule that has been incorporated into the Order.

If you have any questions or wish to have an informal conference with EPA, 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, ask your attorney to contact Thomas Sitz, Enforcement Attorney, at 1-800-227-8917, extension 6918, or (303) 312-6918. We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely

Arturo Palomares, Director Water/Technical Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

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