



September 10, 2024

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## SENT VIA EMAIL DIGITAL DELIVERY RECEIPT REQUESTED

Keith Hilton and Helen Hilton Park Café and Grocery hhh.electric@yahoo.com

Subj: Emergency Administrative Order under Section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, Park Café and Grocery, PWS ID 083090095, Docket No. SDWA-08-2024-0043

Dear Keith Hilton and Helen Hilton:

Enclosed is an Emergency Administrative Order (Order) issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to Keith Hilton and Helen Hilton (Respondents), under section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (Act), 42 U.S.C. § 300i.

The EPA has determined that conditions exist at the Park Café and Grocery 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 total coliform-positive repeat samples reported by the System on September 9, 2024 following an *E. coli*-positive routine sample notification from Montana Environmental Lab on September 5, 2024, 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 Respondents 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.

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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 Christopher Brown via email at brown.christopher.t@epa.gov, or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6669, or (303) 312-6669. Any questions from counsel should be directed to Mia Bearley, Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, via email at bearley.mia@epa.gov or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6554, or (303) 312-6554.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Cantor, Acting Manager Water Enforcement Branch Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

## **ENCLOSURES**

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