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The Honorable Tracy King, President Fort Belknap Indian Community Council R.R.1, Box 66 Harlem, Montana 59526

Ms. Margaret Nicholson, Director Prairie Mountain Utility R.R. 1, Box 91 Fort Belknap Agency, Montana 59526

RE: Closure of Emergency Administrative Order Fort Belknap Agency Public Water System Docket No. SDWA-08-2013-0046 PWS ID #083090041

Dear President King and Ms. Nicholson:

This letter is to inform you of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) decision to close the Emergency Administrative Order (Emergency Order) issued on July 29, 2013, to Fort Belknap Indian Community (FBIC) and Prairie Mountain Utility (Utility) as owner and operator, respectively, of the Fort Belknap Agency public water system (System). EPA has determined that the FBIC and the Utility have completed all actions outlined in the Emergency Order. Therefore EPA will close the Emergency Order at this time.

Please be aware that the FBIC and the Utility are still required to comply with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR), 40 C.F.R. part 141.

EPA thanks you and your staff for the actions taken to protect public health at the water system. If you have any questions about the Emergency Order and its closure, please call Sienna Meredith at (800) 457-2690, extension 5026, or (406) 457-5026. Please direct any questions from counsel for the FBIC or the Utility to Peggy Livingston, Enforcement Attorney, at (800) 227-8917, extension 6858, or at (303) 312-6858.

Sincerely,

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