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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Scott Ellis, Vice President/Legal Counsel General Chemical Industrial Products dba General Chemical Soda Ash Partners 120 Eagle Rock Avenue East Hanover, New Jersey 07936

> RE: Emergency Administrative Order issued under Section 1431 SDWA Docket No. SDWA-08-2011-0001 General Chemical Public Water System PWS ID #WY560636

Dear Mr. Ellis:

On October 1, 2010, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an Emergency Administrative Order (Order) under section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (the Act), 40 U.S.C. § 300i, to General Chemical Soda Ash Partners (the company) as owner and operator of the General Chemical public water system (the system). This letter confirms the verbal notice provided to Mike Dahl and Vic Braman of the system by Mario Mérida of EPA on October 15, 2010, regarding reduced monitoring and rescission of the public notification, boil order, and alternate water supply requirements under the Order.

Additionally this letter serves as written notice that effective October 15, 2010, pursuant to the Order, daily bacteriological monitoring in the distribution system is no longer required and may be reduced to weekly monitoring (one sample per week). This notice is based on bacteriological monitoring conducted on October 11, October 12, and October 13, 2010, which was analyzed as total coliform and <u>E. coli</u>-negative. Weekly bacteriological monitoring shall be conducted until the company is notified by EPA that sampling may be reduced to monthly.

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The company may discontinue the public notice and boil order, as well as provision of alternate water supplies required by the Order, at this time. The system is required to comply with all other provisions of the Order. Penalties for failing to comply are set forth in the Order.

We appreciate the company's ongoing cooperation and efforts. Technical questions regarding this matter may be direct to Mario Mérida at (800) 227-8917, extension 6297) or at (303) 312-6297. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter, you may call Legal Enforcement Attorney Peggy Livingston at the above 800 number, extension 6858, or at (303) 312-6858.

Sincerely,

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