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The Honorable Alvin Not Afraid, Jr., Chairman  
Crow Tribe  
P.O. Box 159  
Crow Agency, Montana 59022

Re: Closure of the Administrative Order on Consent, Crow Agency Public Water System  
Treatment Plant 2 (TP02), PWS ID#083090011, Docket No. SDWA-08-2015-0046

Dear Chairman Not Afraid, Jr.:

On September 22, 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency entered into the above-referenced Administrative Order on Consent (Order) under section 1414(g) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. §300g-3(g), with the Apsáalooke Water and Waste Water Authority and the Crow Tribe (Tribe), as owners and/or operators of the Crow Agency Public Water System Treatment Plant 2.

The EPA is closing this Order as the specific requirements have been met. The Order required the System to hire a certified operator and to monitor the System's water for disinfection byproduct (DBP) precursors monthly and submit DBP precursor reports quarterly. While the Tribe completed these action items, and thus technically satisfied the terms of the Order, the Tribe currently is without a certified operator and failed to monitor for DBP precursors during July 2019. The Agency remains concerned about Safe Drinking Water Act compliance on the Crow Reservation. Future violations at this or other systems managed by the Tribe and the AWWWA may result in administrative or judicial enforcement to ensure timely public health and environmental protection.

Please do not hesitate to write or call me at (303) 312-6925 if you have any questions about this letter. If your staff has questions, the most knowledgeable persons regarding these issues are Olive Wittenberg, who may be reached at (800) 227-8917, extension 6467, or 303-312-6467, or Abigail Dean, Enforcement Attorney, who may be reached at extension 6106, or (303) 312-6106.

Sincerely,

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