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HEARING CLERK

SENT VIA REGULAR MAIL

The Honorable Randal A. Woods, Mayor Town of Hot Springs PO Box 669 Hot Springs, MT 59845-0669

Re:

Closure of Order for Compliance under Section 309 of the Clean Water Act Docket No. CWA-08-2012-0016

Dear Mayor Woods:

This letter is to inform you of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) decision to close the Findings of Violation and Order for Compliance, Docket No. CWA-08-2012-0016, issued to the Town of Hot Springs on June 4, 2012. The EPA has determined that the Town of Hot Springs has complied with the requirements of the Order and therefore we will close it at this time.

Please be aware that the Town of Hot Springs is still required to comply with the Clean Water Act (Act) and its implementing regulations, specifically the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit requirements authorized pursuant to section 402 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1342, and found at 40 C.F.R. § 122 et seq. Violations of the Act may result in a court-imposed injunction and/or penalties of up to \$37,500 per day of violation.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or any other matters pertinent to compliance with the Act, the most knowledgeable people on my staff regarding these matters are David Rise, at (406) 457-5012, and Amy Swanson, Enforcement Attorney, at (303) 312-6906. Thank you for your assistance in resolving this matter.

cc: Tina Artemis, Regional Hearing Clerk

> Mike Durglo, Director, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Natural Resources Department, Environmental Protection Division