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DIGITAL DELIVERY RECEIPT REQUESTED

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
c/o Stephen Petzold
Veterans Administration Medical Center Public Water System
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Subj: Administrative Order on Consent issued to U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs /
regarding Veterans Administration Medical Center Public Water System, PWS ID
#WY5680001, Docket No. SDWA-08-2026-0003

Dear Mr. Petzold:

Enclosed is an Administrative Order on Consent (Consent Order) issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (Respondent) pursuant to section 1414(g) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (Act), 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g), to address violations of the Act and 40 C.F.R. Part 141 of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (Part 141) at the federally owned Veterans Administration Medical Center Public Water System (System).

The Consent Order is effective upon the date received. Please review the Consent Order and within 10 business days provide the EPA with any pertinent information you believe the EPA may not have (e.g., any monitoring that may have been done but not submitted, any updates to the number of service connections or individuals served). If the EPA does not hear from you, the EPA will assume this information is correct. If Respondent complies with the Consent Order, the EPA may close the Consent Order without further action. Failure to comply with the Consent Order may trigger immediate action by the EPA, including a complaint seeking administrative penalties. The complaint may lead to assessment of civil penalties of up to \$49,848 (as adjusted for inflation) per day of violation. See 42 U.S.C. §§ 300g-3 and 300j-6(b)(2); 40 C.F.R. part 19; 90 Fed. Reg. at 1375 (January 8, 2025).

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Please be aware that Respondent is required to submit to the EPA a plan and schedule for bringing the System into compliance with Part 141. The EPA's approval of Respondent's schedule does not substitute for any other approval that may be required by any other governmental entity for modifying the System. The EPA encourages Respondent to contact any such governmental agency or agencies regarding any applicable approval requirements.

If you have any questions or to request an informal conference with the EPA, please contact Elizabeth Tyson via email at tyson.elizabeth@epa.gov, or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6646, or (303) 312-6646. Any questions from your attorney 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. We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Colleen Rathbone, Manager
Water Enforcement Branch
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

ENCLOSURES (2):

1. Inventory Change Form
2. Tips to Stay in Compliance

cc:

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