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The Honorable Leroy Spang, President
Northern Cheyenne Tribe
P.O. Box 128
Lame Deer, MT 59043

Re: Amendment to the Emergency
Administrative Order
Docket No. SDWA-08-2012-0031
Northern Cheyenne Utility Commission
Ashland Water System, 083090061
Birney Water System, 083090062

Dear President Spang:

On June 29, 2012, the EPA issued an Emergency Administrative Order (Order) in anticipation of a fire-related disruption of water service in the Ashland and Birney communities. The purpose of this letter is to amend that Order. One requirement of the Order was the collection of weekly special samples. I am happy to report that coliform samples collected in Ashland on July 11, 19, and 23 were all negative for total coliform bacteria.

Paragraph 18 of the Order states:

“After Respondent receives written notification from the EPA that Respondent may discontinue weekly total coliform sampling based on the EPA’s determination that a sufficient number of weekly total coliform sample results from the Systems have been negative, Respondent shall resume monthly total coliform sampling to determine compliance with the total coliform MCL. 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.21 and 141.63. “

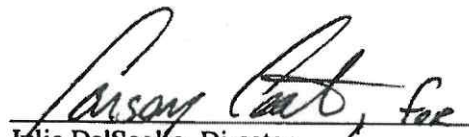
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As conveyed to Winslow Whitecrane by email on July 25, you may now return to your regular monthly schedule of one coliform sample per month. The sample collected on July 19 meets your requirement for a routine sample for July. Your next routine sample for this system is due in August.

All other requirements of the Order, including but not limited to, monitoring and reporting the chlorine residual at the same time as coliform samples, remain in effect.

Thank you again for the hard work by Mr. Whitecrane and his staff in responding to this emergency. If your staff has questions specific to the elements of the Order, the most knowledgeable people regarding these issues are Barbara Burkland, Environmental Scientist, who can be reached at (406) 457-5009, or Amy Swanson, Enforcement Attorney, who can be reached at (800) 227-8917 ext 6906. You are also welcome to contact Julie DalSoglio, Montana Office Director, at (406) 457-5025.

Sincerely,


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EPA Region 8, Montana Office


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