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Daniel Olson, Owner Blue Moon Plentywood Public Water System P.O. Box 492 Plentywood, MT 59254

Re: Violation of Administrative Order

Docket No. SDWA-08-2008-0108

PWS ID # MT0001664

Dear Mr. Olson:

On September 19, 2008, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an Administrative Order, Docket No. SDWA-08-2008-0108, ordering you, as owner and/or operator of the Blue Moon Plentywood public water system (the system) to comply with various regulations issued by EPA under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. § 300f et seq.

Our records indicate that you, the Respondent, are in violation of the Administrative Order (the Order). Among other things, the Order included the following requirements (quoted from items 2 and 6 of the Order section on pages 6 and 7 of the Order):

 Upon the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall comply with total coliform monitoring requirements, including requirements for monthly routine monitoring as required by the State, as stated in ARM 17.38.215(1)(b).

Respondent failed to monitor for total coliform in September 2008, June 2009, and July 2009.

2. Upon the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall comply with 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2) by reporting any failure to comply with a coliform monitoring requirement to EPA and MDEQ within 10 days.

Respondent failed to report to EPA its failure to monitor for total coliform violations in September 2008, June 2009, and July 2009.

EPA is considering additional enforcement action, including assessment of penalties, as a result of the ongoing non-compliance with the Order detailed above. Violating an Administrative Order may lead to (1) a penalty of up to \$37,500 per day per violation of the Order, and/or (2) a court injunction ordering compliance.

If you have any questions or wish to have an informal conference with EPA, you may contact Barbara Burkland at (406)457-5009 (toll free: 1-866-457-2690, ext. 5009) or Marc Weiner, Enforcement Attorney, at 1-800-227-8917, extension 6913 or (303) 312-6913, or at the following address:

> Marc Weiner Enforcement Attorney U.S. EPA, Region 8 (8-ENF-L) 1595 Wynkoop Street Denver, Colorado 80202-1129

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

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