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SEP 13 2011

CERTIFIED MAIL LETTER
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Fremont County Commissioners
c/o Doug Thompson, Chair
450 North 2nd, Room 205
Lander, WY 82520

Re: Notice of Safe Drinking Water Act
Enforcement Action against the
Triangle C Ranch, LLC
PWS ID#5600400


Dear Commissioners:

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) notify locally elected officials of certain enforcement actions taken in their area.

An Administrative Order is being issued to the Triangle C Ranch, LLC. This Order requires that the Triangle C Ranch, LLC take measures to return its public water system to compliance with the SDWA and the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations. The violations include failure to monitor for nitrate and total coliform bacteria, and failure to report the violations to EPA.

For more details, a copy of the Order is enclosed for your information. **The Order does not require any response or action by the County Commission.** If you have any questions regarding this Order, please contact Kathelene Brainich at (303) 312-6481.

Sincerely,



Arturo Palomares, Director
Water Technical Enforcement Program
Office of Enforcement, Compliance
and Environmental Justice

Enclosure



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Cameron W. Garnick, Registered Agent
Triangle C Ranch, LLC
3737 Hwy 26
Dubois, WY 82513

Re: Administrative Order
Triangle C Ranch, LLC
Docket No. **SDWA-08-2011-0070**
PWS ID #WY5600400

Dear Mr. Garnick:

Enclosed is an Administrative Order (Order) issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the authority of section 1414 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3. Among other things, the Order alleges that Triangle C. Ranch, LLC (the Ranch) has violated the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (the drinking water regulations).

The Order is effective upon the date received. Please review the Order and within 10 days provide EPA with any information you believe EPA may not have. If the Ranch complies with the Order, EPA may close the Order without further action. Failure to comply with the Order may lead to substantial civil penalties and/or a Federal court injunction ordering compliance.


The Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act (SBREFA) may apply to this situation. Enclosed is a small business information sheet, outlining compliance assistance resources available to small businesses and small governments, in case these are relevant. SBREFA does not eliminate the responsibility to comply with the Order or the drinking water regulations.

To submit information or request an informal conference with EPA, please contact Kathelene Brainich at the above address (with the mailcode 8ENF-W) or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6481 or (303) 312-6481. Any questions from the Ranch's

attorney should be directed to Linda Kato, Enforcement Attorney, who may be reached at the above address (with the mailcode 8ENF-L) or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6852 or (303) 312-6852.

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Arturo Palomares, Director
Water Technical Enforcement Program
Office of Enforcement, Compliance
and Environmental Justice

Enclosures:

Order
SBREFA Information Sheet

cc: WY DEQ/DOH (via email)
Tina Artemis, EPA Regional Hearing Clerk

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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2011 SEP 13 AM 10:45

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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Triangle C Ranch, LLC)
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Respondent.)

Docket No. **SDWA-08-2011-0070**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

FILED
EPA REGION VIII
HEARING CLERK

1. This Order is issued under the authority vested in the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by section 1414 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (the Act), 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3, as properly delegated to the undersigned officials.
2. The Triangle C Ranch, LLC (Respondent) is a limited liability company that owns and/or operates the Triangle C Ranch Water System (the System), which provides piped water to the public in Fremont County, Wyoming, for human consumption.
3. The System is supplied by a groundwater source consisting of 2 wells. The water is not treated.
4. The System has approximately 20 service connections and/or regularly serves an average of approximately 21 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year. Therefore, the System is a "public water system" as defined in § 1401(4) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300f(4), and 40 C.F.R. § 141.2. The System is also a "transient, non-community water system" as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 141.2.
5. Respondent is subject to the Act and the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (drinking water regulations) at 40 C.F.R. part 141. The drinking water regulations are "applicable requirements" as defined in § 1414(i) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(i).

VIOLATIONS

6. Respondent is required to monitor the System's water annually for nitrate. 40 C.F.R. § 141.23(d). Respondent failed to monitor the System's water for nitrate during 2010, and, therefore, violated this requirement.
7. Respondent is required to monitor the System's water quarterly for total coliform bacteria. 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(a). Respondent failed to monitor the System's water for total coliform bacteria during the 2nd (April-June) quarter of 2011 and, therefore, violated this requirement.
8. Respondent is required to report any failure to comply with any of the drinking water regulations to EPA within 48 hours (except where the drinking water regulations specify a different reporting period). 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b). Respondent failed to report the violation listed in paragraph 6, above, to EPA and, therefore, violated this requirement.

9. Respondent is required to report any failure to meet a coliform monitoring requirement to EPA no later than 10 days after learning of this violation. 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2). Respondent did not notify EPA of the violation cited in paragraph 7, above, and, therefore, violated this requirement.

ORDER

Based on the above violations, Respondent is ordered to perform the following actions upon Respondent's receipt of this Order (unless a different deadline is specified below):

10. Within 30 days after receipt of this Order, and per the regulations thereafter, Respondent shall monitor the System's water for nitrate. 40 C.F.R. § 141.23. Respondent shall report analytical results to EPA within the first 10 days following the month in which sample results were received, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(a). Respondent shall report any violation of the nitrate monitoring requirements to EPA within 48 hours of the violation occurring, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b).

11. Respondent shall monitor the System's water quarterly for total coliform bacteria and, in the event of any result that is positive for total coliform, conduct repeat and additional routine monitoring, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.21. Respondent shall report analytical results to EPA within the first 10 days following the month in which sample results were received, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(a). Respondent shall report any violation of the total coliform monitoring requirements to EPA within 10 days after discovering the violation, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2).

12. Respondent shall direct all reporting required by this Order to:

U.S. EPA Region 8 (8P-W-DW)
1595 Wynkoop
Denver, CO 80202-1129

GENERAL PROVISIONS

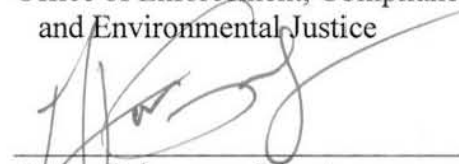
13. This Order shall not constitute a waiver, suspension, or modification of any requirement of the Act or drinking water regulations. Issuance of this Order is not an election by EPA to forgo any civil or criminal action.

14. Violation of any part of this Order or the drinking water regulations may subject Respondent to a civil penalty of up to \$37,500 (as adjusted for inflation) per day of violation. 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3; 40 C.F.R. part 19.

Issued: Sept. 13, 2011.



Matthew Cohn, Director
Legal Enforcement Program
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