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SENT CERTIFIED REGULAR MAIL

The Honorable Mark L. Azure, President Fort Belknap Indian Community Council 656 Agency Main Street Harlem, Montana 59526-9455

Ms. Margaret Nicholson, Director Prairie Mountain Utility 164 Agency Main Street Harlem, Montana 59526-9455

Re: Closure of Emergency Administrative Order, Lodgepole Housing Public Water System Docket No. SDWA-08-2014-0017

Dear President Azure and Ms. Nicholson:

This letter is to inform you of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) decision to close the Emergency Administrative Order (Emergency Order) issued on June 19, 2014, to Fort Belknap Indian Community (FBIC) and Prairie Mountain Utility (Utility) as owners and/or operators of the Lodgepole Housing Public Water System (System). The EPA has determined that the FBIC and the Utility have completed all required actions of the Emergency Order and, therefore, the EPA will close the Emergency Order at this time.

Please be aware that the FBIC and the Utility are still required to comply with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR), 40 C.F.R. part 141.

The EPA thanks you and your staff for the actions taken to protect public health on the Fort Belknap Reservation. If you have any questions about the Emergency Order and its closure, please call Sienna Meredith at (800) 457-2690, extension 5026, or (406) 457-5026.

Sincerely,

Julie A. DalSoglio, Director

EPA Region 8 Montana Office

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