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

Re:

Administrative Order Violation #2

Triangle C Ranch, LLC

Docket No. SDWA-08-2011-0070

PWS ID #WY5600400

Dear Mr. Garnick:

On September 13, 2011, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an Administrative Order (Order) ordering Triangle C. Ranch, LLC (Ranch), as owner and/or operator of the Triangle C Ranch public water system, to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. Section 300f et seq., and its implementing regulations, the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWRs), 40 C.F.R. part 141.

Our records indicate that the Ranch (Respondent) is in violation of the Order. Among other things, the Order included the following requirement (quoted from item 11 on page 2 of the Order):

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).

Respondent did not monitor total coliform bacteria during 3rd (July-September) quarter of 2012 and took only one of the two total coliform samples required during 1<sup>st</sup> (January-March) and 2<sup>nd</sup> (April-June) quarters 2012 and failed to report the noncompliance to EPA.

You notified the EPA via telephone in June 2012 that the registered agent for the Ranch is deceased, however, the Wyoming Secretary of State's corporation's office has not been updated to reflect the current registered agent; it is necessary that that information be updated immediately.

EPA is considering additional enforcement action as a result of the Ranch's non-compliance with the Order. 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 you may contact Kathelene Brainich at 1-800-227-8917, extension 6481, or (303) 312-6481. If the Ranch is represented by an attorney who has questions, please ask the attorney to direct any legal questions to Linda Kato, Enforcement Attorney, at 1-800-227-8917, extension 6852 or (303) 312-6852, or at the following address:

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

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Pardue-Welch, Team Leader Drinking Water Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

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cc: Jim Moulton, Triangle C Ranch WY DEQ/DOH (via email) Tina Artemis, EPA Regional Hearing Clerk