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Re: Addendum to  
Emergency Administrative Order  
Ft. Belknap Agency Public Water Supply  
Docket No. SDWA-08-2008-0074  
PWS No. 083090041

Dear President doney and Mr. Snow:

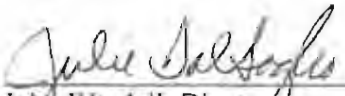
On July 11, 2008, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an Emergency Administrative Order (Order) to the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council and Prairie Mountain Utilities (Respondents), following a loss of pressure in the Fort Belknap Agency Water System (System). On November 12, 2008, EPA amended that Order following another partial pressure loss in the system.

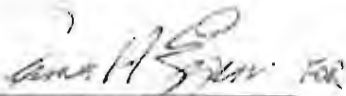
The Amended Order increased the required frequency of coliform monitoring for the System to twice daily, rather than twice monthly. On November 21, 2008, EPA notified Scott Snow via email that the Respondents could reduce the System's coliform monitoring frequency to weekly. Based upon three consecutive weeks of safe coliform sample results following the reduction in sampling, as well as an adequate supply of water for the community, the EPA is now, by this letter, amending paragraph 7 on page 6 of the Order to allow the Respondents to reduce coliform sampling frequency to twice per month, as required by 40 C.F.R. §141.21(a)(4). These samples are to be taken at regular time intervals throughout the month, such as the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> days of each month. The free chlorine residual must be collected and noted on the laboratory form with each of the two total coliform samples collected each month.



Unless specifically amended by this or any previous letters from EPA, all requirements of the Order as originally issued remain in effect. The Tribe should be closely monitoring tank levels, particularly in light of a recent reduction in staff at the water plant.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to call Barbara Burkland at (406) 457-5009.

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