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CERTIFIED MAIL LETTER RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

William T. Bass, Forest Supervisor USDA Forest Service, Bighorn National Forest 2013 Eastside 2nd Street Sheridan, WY 82801

> Re: **Emergency Administrative**

> > Order Addendum

Docket No. SDWA-08-2009-0080

Bighorn National Forest.

Burgess Junction Visitor Center

PWS ID #WY5680232

Dear Mr. Bass:

Pursuant to paragraph 21 of the Emergency Administrative Order (EAO) issued August 18, 2009, to the USDA Forest Service as owner and operator of the Bighorn National Forest Burgess Junction Visitor Center, this Addendum to the EAO incorporates the schedule for actions, outlined in your fax of September 25, 2009, aimed at ensuring compliance with the total coliform maximum contaminant level (MCL). This letter constitutes the written approval by EPA of that schedule. Please be advised that the USDA Forest Service must continue to meet the total coliform rule MCL requirements. If the actions listed in this schedule do not bring the water system into compliance with the total coliform MCL, EPA may require additional actions, including as discussed below.

The following schedule lists the actions to be taken as set forth in your September 25, 2009, plan. Except where noted in the schedule, all actions must be completed prior to re-opening of the Burgess Junction Visitor Center for the summer 2010 season (listed as "May 15, 2010" in the schedule), in accordance with paragraph 20 of the EAO. Further, while the USDA Forest Service has proposed researching and possibly installing a UV disinfection unit, should the MCL for total coliform be exceeded at Burgess Junction Visitor Center prior to closure of the current EAO, EPA will require that disinfection be installed at that site within 60 days of said violation.

<u>Action</u>

Completion Date

Replace the "O" ring on the wellhead cover	May 15, 2010
Install a rubber gasket on the two covers of the water storage tank	May 15, 2010
Use a wet-dry vacuum cleaner to remove any foreign materials that might be in the tank	May 15, 2010
Disinfect the tank and the system following the vacuuming	May 15, 2010
Elevate the overflow drain on the tank to two feet above the ground; replace overflow drain screen	May 15, 2010
Construct an earthen berm uphill of the well to divert water around the wellhead	May 15, 2010
Research a UV disinfection unit for possible installation in the pump house, between the tank and the distribution system	
Modify total coliform testing procedures, including avoiding sampling from hot/cold water tap and better disinfecting faucets, to avoid false-positive results	August 18, 2009, and ongoing.

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Further, at this time, the system may initiate monthly instead of weekly bacteriological monitoring. This notice is based on bacteriological monitoring conducted on September 1, September 10, September 15, and September 21, 2009, all of which were analyzed as total coliform negative. As the Burgess Junction Visitor Center was closed for the winter on September 22 and will not re-open until Memorial Day 2010, the first monthly sample can be taken in May prior to opening of the Visitor Center for the season.

EPA thanks the USDA Forest Service for its ongoing efforts to ensure safe drinking water for visitors at the Burgess Junction Visitor Center.

Please be advised that the USDA Forest Service is required to comply with all provisions of the EAO. Penalties for failing to comply are set forth in the Order. Please contact Mario Mérida at (303) 312-6297 if you have any questions concerning this Addendum. Your agency's attorneys may contact Peggy Livingston, Enforcement Attorney, at (303) 312-6858 for any legal matters.

Sincerely,

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