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Ref: 8ENF-W-SD <u>SENT VIA EMAIL</u> DIGITAL READ RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Connie Jenkins, Registered Agent Happy Valley Pipeline, Inc jenkinsconnie@live.com

Re: Administrative Order issued to Happy Valley Pipeline, Inc. regarding Happy Valley Pipeline Public Water System, PWS ID # WY5600153, Docket No. SDWA-08-2021-0009

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

Enclosed is an Administrative Order (Order) issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under the authority of section 1414(g) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g). Among other things, the Order alleges that Happy Valley Pipeline, Inc. (Company), as owner and/or operator of the Happy Valley Pipeline Public Water System (System), has violated the EPA's drinking water regulations at 40 C.F.R. part 141 (Part 141). The EPA is issuing this Order because our previous compliance assurance efforts have not been effective in returning the System to compliance with Part 141 and because the Company has not provided the EPA information in response to the January 12, 2021 Notice of Potential Violation and Opportunity to Confer letter demonstrating the violations cited in the Order did not occur.

The Order is effective upon the date received. If the Company complies with the Order, the EPA may close the Order without further action. Failure to comply with the Order may trigger immediate action by the EPA, including a complaint seeking administrative penalties. The complaint may lead to assessment of civil penalties of up to \$59,017 (as adjusted for inflation) per day of violation, a federal court injunction ordering compliance, or both.

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 entities, in case these are relevant. SBREFA does not eliminate the responsibility to comply with the Order or Part 141. Also enclosed are several templates and fact sheets to assist you in addressing the outstanding violations.

The EPA acknowledges that the COVID-19 pandemic may be impacting your business. If the System has specific COVID-19 issues that would affect the timeframes listed herein, please contact Christina Carballal via email at carballal-broome.christina@epa.gov or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6046 or (303) 312-6046 within 10 business days of receiving this Order. The EPA will consider nationwide public health developments and your specific circumstances in determining an appropriate

timeline for responding to this Administrative Order, while still pursuing regulatory compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act as expeditiously as possible

If you have any questions or to request an informal conference with the EPA, please contact Christina Carballal via email at carballal-broome.christina@epa.gov or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6046 or (303) 312-6046. Any questions from the System's attorney should be directed to Sarah Rae, General Attorney, via email at rae.sarah@epa.gov or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6839 or (303) 312-6839.

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

COLLEEN **RATHBONE** Digitally signed by COLLEEN

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Date: 2021.01.22 09:29:29

Colleen Rathbone, Chief Water Enforcement Branch Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

Enclosures

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