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Antelope County Water and Sewer District
c/o Mr. Curtis Ueland, Administrator
Antelope County Water and Sewer Public Water System
antelopewater@yahoo.com

Subj: Administrative Order issued to Antelope County Water and Sewer District
regarding the Antelope County Water and Sewer Public Water System, PWS ID
#MT0003203, Docket No. SDWA-08-2026-0034

Dear Mr. Ueland:

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 Antelope County Water and Sewer District (Respondent), as owner and operator of the Antelope County Water and Sewer Public Water System (System), has violated the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI), specifically 40 C.F.R. § 141.84, 141.85, and 141.90 (Part 141). The EPA is issuing this Order because the State of Montana's (State) previous compliance assurance efforts have not been effective in returning the System to compliance with Part 141, and the State has not yet obtained primary enforcement responsibility for the LCRI.

The Order is effective upon the date received. Please review the Order and within 10 business days provide the EPA with any pertinent information you believe the EPA may not have regarding your development or submittal of the required Lead Service Line Inventory. If the EPA does not hear from you, the EPA will assume this information is correct. If Respondent 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 \$71,545 (as adjusted for inflation) per day of violation, a court injunction ordering compliance, or both. 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3; 40 C.F.R. part 19; 90 Fed. Reg. at 1375 (January 8, 2025).

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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 Respondent in addressing the outstanding violations.

If you have any questions or to request an informal conference with the EPA, please contact Rachel Brookins via email at Brookins.Rachel@epa.gov, or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6509, or (303) 312-6509. Any questions from your attorney should be directed to Mia Bearley, Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, via email at [Bearley.Mia@epa.gov](mailto: Bearley.Mia@epa.gov) or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6554, or (303) 312-6554. We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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

ENCLOSURES

cc:

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