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**Barbara Burkland  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
10 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
Helena, Montana 59626**

**Dear Ms. Burkland:**

13. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is in receipt of the Emergency Administrative Order (Order) issued on May 25, 2011. The BIA intends to comply with all requirements of the Order. If continuing flooding makes it difficult to meet any deadline in the Order, we will contact EPA to ask for an extension.

14. The boil order was posted by the BIA Crow Agency Facilities office on May 24, 2011, and a copy of the certification was sent to Mindy Mohr in EPA's Denver office that same day. The boil order will be left in place until we are notified otherwise by EPA.

15. The Crow Tribe is in communication with State DES and they are providing bottled water in Crow Agency.

16. The BIA's water treatment plant (plant) flooded to a depth of 15 inches on the night of May 22, 2011. The clear well entrance is elevated well above that level and no flood water entered it. The plant was pumped out and operators determined that all electrical components that were working prior to the flood were still working. None of the following were impacted: clarifier, filters, and clear well.

17. At TP-01, the BIA did not clean the clear well; because it was not impacted by the flood.

18. The operational status of all monitoring and reporting equipment will be assessed and information provided to EPA.

19. At TP-01, the plant was determined to be safe to restart and it began producing water again on May 23, 2011. The turbidity was below 0.3 NTU.

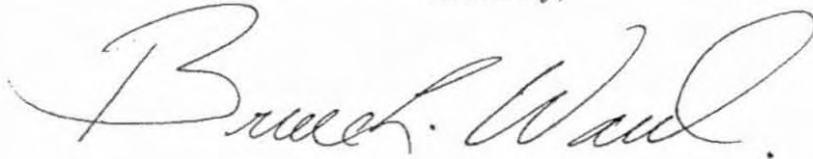
20. The water was sent to the clear well and when a residual of 0.2 was achieved, the water was sent out to the tank.

21. The system has not been flushed yet; because there is not adequate water pressure to do that.

22. Operators recorded a residual of 1.57 mg/l at the Forestry office on May 25, 2011. A special sample will be taken for coli form bacteria once system pressure has returned to normal.

Please direct all questions to Bruce Ward at 406/657-6682, ext. 244.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce Ward". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Supervisory General Engineer