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Weldon Treat, Registered Agent
The Rocky Mountain Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists
P.O. Box 51915
Casper, Wyoming 82601

Re: Administrative Order Violation #2, Mills Spring Ranch Public Water System, PWS ID #5600631, Docket # SDWA-08-2016-0031

Dear Mr. Treat:

On September 29, 2016, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued an Administrative Order (Order) ordering The Rocky Mountain Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists (RMC), as owner and/or operator of the Mills Spring Ranch Public Water System (System), to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 300f <u>et seq.</u>, and its implementing regulations, the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations, 40 C.F.R. part 141.

Our records indicate that the RMC is, again, in violation of the Order. Among other things, the Order included the following summarized requirements (from paragraph 15 of the Order) in which the RMC is named as Respondent:

• Respondent shall monitor the System's water monthly for total coliform bacteria when it is open to the public as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.853-858.

RMC failed to monitor for total coliform in August 2017. Public notice of monitoring violations is required to be completed within one year of the violation.

The EPA is considering additional enforcement action as a result of RMC's non-compliance with the Order. Violating an administrative order may lead to (1) a penalty of up to \$55,907 per day per violation of the Order, and/or (2) a court injunction ordering compliance.

If you have any questions please contact Kathelene Brainich via email at brainich.kathelene@epa.gov, or by phone at 1-800-227-8917, extension 6481, or (303) 312-6481. If you are represented by an attorney who has questions, please ask the attorney to direct legal questions to Mia Bearley, Enforcement Attorney, who may be reached via email at bearley.mia@epa.gov, by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6554, or (303) 312-6554.

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Arturo Palomares, Director

Water Technical Enforcement Program

Office of Enforcement, Compliance

and Environmental Justice

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