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Mr. Richard Opper, Director
 Montana Department of Environmental Quality
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 1520 West Sixth Avenue
 Helena, MT 59620

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Docket No. **SDWA-08-2009-0018**

Re: Lincoln Pit Stop Public Water System
 P.O. Box 154
 Lincoln, MT 59639
 PWS ID# MT0003829

Dear Mr. Opper:

The above referenced public drinking water system has violated certain provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act (the Act), 42 U.S.C. § 300f, et seq. and the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations at 40 C.F.R. part 141. Our records, obtained from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's Public Water Supply Online Query Reports, indicate the violations noted below. Please have your staff notify Eric Finke at (406) 457-5026 within 20 days if your records show any discrepancies with these determinations of violation.

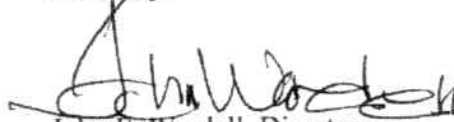
Violations	
Failure to monitor/report Nitrate [40 C.F.R. § 141.23(d)],	2006, 2007
Failure to monitor/report Routine Total Coliform Bacteria [40 C.F.R. § 141.21 and ARM 17.38.215(1)(b)]	4 th quarter 2004; 2 nd and 3 rd quarter 2005; 3 rd and 4 th quarter 2006; 2 nd and 3 rd quarter 2007; Feb-Sep 2008
Failure to provide public notice of the above-referenced violations [40 C.F.R. § 141.201]	2005-2008
Failure to report the above-referenced violations to the State [40 C.F.R. §§ 141.21(g)(2) and 141.31(b)]	2004-2008

This Notice of Violation is issued pursuant to section 1414(a) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(a). If the State does not commence appropriate enforcement action within 30 days from the receipt of this notification, EPA is authorized either to issue an administrative order under section 1414(g) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g) requiring the public water system to comply with the regulations or requirements, or to commence civil action under section 1414(b) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(b).

Please inform EPA of any change in the compliance status of this system. You may wish to have your staff confer with Mr. Finke to determine the Agency's position concerning this system and to exchange appropriate information. If the State does not commence appropriate enforcement action within 30 days from the receipt of the notification, EPA will proceed with issuance of an administrative order.

A copy of this notice of violation has been concurrently sent to the system identified above. Also enclosed for the benefit of the system is a copy of EPA's Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act (SBREFA) fact sheet containing information on compliance assistance resources and tools available to small businesses and small governments, in case these resources apply to this situation. By providing this fact sheet, EPA has made no determination whether the system is a "small entity" as defined by SBREFA. SBREFA does not eliminate the responsibility to comply with the Act.

Sincerely,



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Montana Office



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Enclosure: SBREFA fact sheet

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