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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Natrona County Commissioners c/o Ed Opella, Chairman 200 North Center Casper, WY 82601

Re:

Notice of Safe Drinking Water Act Enforcement Action against the American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains

PWS ID # WY5600685

Dear Commissioners:

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) notify locally elected officials of certain enforcement actions taken in their area.

The EPA has issued an Administrative Order (Order) to American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains, which owns and/or operates the Camp Wyoba public water system, located in Natrona County, WY, directing it to comply with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations. The violations alleged in the Order include: failing to monitor for total coliform bacteria, failing to report nitrate results in a timely manner, failing to notify the public of certain violations, and failing to report certain violations to the EPA.

For more details, a copy of the Order is enclosed. The Order does not require any response or action by the County Commission. If you have any questions regarding this Order, please contact Mario Mérida at (303) 312-6297.

Sincerely,

Arturo Palomares, Director

Water Technical Enforcement Program

Office of Enforcement, Compliance

and Environmental Justice

Enclosure:

Order



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Karen Van Valkenburgh, Registered Agent American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains 9085 E. Mineral Cir., Suite 170 Centennial, CO 80112

Re: Administrative Order

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Camp Wyoba Public Water System Docket No. SDWA-08-2013-0004

PWS ID #WY5600685

Dear Ms. Van Valkenburgh:

Enclosed is an Administrative Order (Order) issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 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 American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains (ABCRM), as owner and/or operator of the Camp Wyoba public water system, has violated the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations at 40 C.F.R. part 141 (Drinking Water Regulations).

The Order is effective upon the date received. Please review the Order and within 10 days provide the EPA with any information you believe the EPA may not have. If the ABCRM complies with the Order, the EPA may close the Order without further action. Failure to comply with the Order may lead to substantial civil penalties and/or a federal court injunction ordering compliance.

The Order requires the ABCRM to notify the public of having violated the drinking water regulations. Enclosed please find a public notice template explaining the public notice requirements in more detail.

To submit information or request an informal conference with the EPA, please contact Mario Mérida at the above address (with the mailcode 8ENF-W) or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6297 or (303) 312-6297. Any questions from the Respondent's attorney should be

directed to Dana Stotsky, Enforcement Attorney, who may be reached at the above address (with the mailcode 8ENF-L) or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6905 or (303) 312-6905.

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely

Arturo Palomares, Director

Water Technical Enforcement Program

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Enclosures:

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Public Notice Template

cc:

WY DEQ/DOH (via email)

Tina Artemis, EPA Regional Hearing Clerk

Amber Shearer, Manager, Camp Wyoba (via email)

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IN THE MATTER OF:	FPA REGION VIII
)	Docket No. SDWA-08-2013-0004
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- 1. This Order is issued under the authority vested in the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by section 1414(g) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (Act), 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g), as properly delegated to the undersigned officials.
 - 2. American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains (Respondent) is a Colorado non-profit corporation that owns and/or operates the Camp Wyoba Water System (System), which provides piped water to the public in Natrona County, Wyoming, for human consumption.
 - The System is supplied by a groundwater source under the direct influence of surface water consisting of 1 spring and collection box; water at the System is treated by direct filtration and chlorination.
 - 4. The System has approximately 8 service connections and/or regularly serves an average of approximately 140 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year. Therefore, the System is a "public water system" as defined in section 1401(4) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300f(4), and 40 C.F.R. § 141.2. The System is also a "transient, non-community water system" as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 141.2.
 - 5. Respondent is subject to the Act and the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (Drinking Water Regulations) at 40 C.F.R. part 141. The Drinking Water Regulations are "applicable requirements" as defined in section 1414(i) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(i).
 - 6. The Drinking Water Regulations include monitoring requirements. The EPA has sent Respondent annual notifications of the specific monitoring requirements that apply to the System.

VIOLATIONS

- 7. Respondent is required to monitor the System's water monthly during June, July and August for total coliform bacteria. 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(a). Respondent failed to monitor the System's water for total coliform bacteria during June and July of 2012 and during June of 2011, and, therefore, violated this requirement.
- Respondent is required to monitor the System's water annually for nitrate and report analytical
 results to the EPA within the first 10 days following the month in which Respondent received sample

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results. 40 C.F.R. § 141.23(d) and 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(a). Respondent monitored the System's water for nitrate on August 23, 2010, for calendar year 2010, but did not report analytical results to the EPA until after receiving the EPA's violation letter of April 25, 2011, which cited the failure to monitor and report for nitrate results during 2010, and, therefore, violated this reporting requirement.

- 9. Respondent is required to notify the public of certain violations of the Drinking Water Regulations. 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.201-141.211. Respondent failed to notify the public of the June 2011 violation cited in paragraph 7, above, and, therefore, violated this requirement. Public notice for the violations which occurred in June and July of 2012 are due within 12 months from the date of the violation.
- 10. Respondent is required to report any failure to comply with any coliform monitoring requirement to the EPA within 10 days after discovering the violation. 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2). Respondent failed to report the violations cited in paragraph 7, above, to EPA and, therefore, violated this requirement.
- 11. Respondent is required to report any failure to comply with any Drinking Water Regulation to the EPA within 48 hours (except where the Drinking Water Regulations specify a different time period). 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b). Respondent failed to report the violation cited in paragraphs 8 and 9, above, to the EPA and, therefore, violated this requirement.

<u>ORDER</u>

Based on the above violations, Respondent is ordered to perform the following actions upon Respondent's receipt of this Order (unless a different deadline is specified below):

- 12. Respondent shall monitor the System's water monthly during June, July and August for total coliform bacteria and, if any sample is positive for total coliform, conduct repeat and additional routine monitoring, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.21. Respondent shall report any violation of coliform monitoring requirements in 40 C.F.R. part 141 to the EPA within 10 days after discovering the violation, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2).
- 13. Respondent shall report analytical results to the EPA within the first 10 days following the month in which Respondent receives sample results, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(a).
- 14. Respondent shall monitor the System's water for nitrate, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.23.
- 15. Within 30 days after opening to the public during the 2013 season, Respondent shall notify the public of all violations cited in paragraph 7, following the instructions provided with the public notice templates provided to Respondent with this Order. Thereafter, following any future violation of the Drinking Water Regulations, Respondent shall comply with any applicable public notice provisions of

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- 40 C.F.R. part 141, subpart Q. Within 10 days after providing public notice, Respondent shall submit a copy of the notice to the EPA.
- 16. Respondent shall report any violation of the Drinking Water Regulations to the EPA within 48 hours of the violation occurring, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b). However, if a different time period for reporting is specified in this Order or the Drinking Water Regulations, Respondent shall report within that different period.
- 17. Respondent shall direct all reporting required by this Order to:

U.S. EPA Region 8 (8P-W-DW) 1595 Wynkoop Denver, CO 80202-1129

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 18. This Order shall not constitute a waiver, suspension, or modification of any requirement of the Act or Drinking Water Regulations. Issuance of this Order is not an election by the EPA to forgo any civil or criminal action.
- Violation of any part of this Order or the Drinking Water Regulations may subject Respondent to a civil penalty of up to \$37,500 (as adjusted for inflation) per day of violation. 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3; 40 C.F.R. part 19.

Issued: December 12 , 2012.

James H. Eppers, Supervisory Attorney

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Arturo Palomares, Director

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