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Lambert County Sewer and Water District
Richland County Court House
Sidney, MT 59270

Re: 3rd Violation of Administrative Order
Lambert County Sewer and Water District
Public Water System
Docket No. SDWA-08-2010-0047
PWS ID # MT0000269

To whom it may concern:

On June 28, 2010, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an Administrative Order, Docket No. SDWA-08-2010-0047, ordering the Lambert County Sewer and Water District (Respondent) to comply with various regulations issued by the EPA under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. section 300f et seq.

Our records indicate that Lambert County Sewer and Water District is in violation of the Order. Among other things, the Order included the following requirements (quoted from items 22, 23, 27, 28 and 30 of the "Order" section on pages 4, 5, and 6 of the Order):

1. Respondent shall monitor the daily residual disinfectant concentration at the point of entry to the system, as required by ARM 17.38.225 and 17.38.229. Respondent shall report analytical results to EPA and the State within the first ten days following the end of the monitoring period as required by ARM 17.38.234 and 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(a).

Respondent failed to monitor for daily residual disinfectant concentrations during March, April, June, July, October and November of 2011 and February, March, April, May, June, and July 2012.

2. Respondent shall report any violation of the drinking water regulations to EPA and the State within 48 hours of discovery. 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b).

Respondent failed to report the above mentioned violations to EPA and the State within 48 hours of discovery.



3. Within 30 days of receipt of this Order, Respondent shall prepare an annual CCR (to include all information required by 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.153 and 154) for the system for calendar year 2008 and distribute the report to the system's customers, EPA and the State. No later than 3 months thereafter, Respondent shall certify to EPA and the State that the CCR has been distributed to the system's customers and that its information is correct and consistent with monitoring data previously provided to EPA and the State. Thereafter, Respondent shall prepare and distribute annual CCRs and provide certifications as required by 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.151-141.155.

Respondent failed to prepare and submit an annual CCR for 2011.

4. Within 30 days of receiving this Order, Respondent shall notify the public of the violations cited in the Order, as required by 40 C.F.R. part 141, subpart Q. Thereafter, following any future violation of the drinking water regulations, Respondent shall comply with the applicable public notice provisions of 40 C.F.R. part 141, subpart Q. Within 10 days of providing public notice, Respondent shall submit a copy of the notice to EPA and the State.

Respondent failed to notify the public of the 2011 failure to monitor and report daily chlorine residual violations and/or submit a copy to EPA and the State within 10 days of providing the public notice.

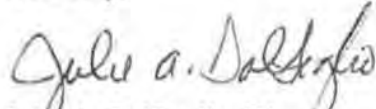
EPA is considering additional enforcement action as a result of the non-compliance with the Order. Violating an Administrative Order may lead to (1) a penalty of up to \$37,500 per day per violation of the Order, and/or (2) a court injunction ordering compliance.

If you have any questions or wish to have an informal conference with EPA, you may contact Sienna Meredith at 1-800-457-2690 or (406) 457-5026. If you are represented by an attorney who has questions, please ask your attorney to contact Amy Swanson, Enforcement Attorney, at 1-800-227-8917, extension 6906 or (303) 312-6906 or at the following address:

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We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie A. DalSoglio".

Julie A. DalSoglio, Director
EPA Region 8 Montana Office

cc:

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