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The Honorable Rola Ross, Mayor Town of Manville P.O. Box 107 Manville, Wyoming 82227

Re: 4th Addendum to Administrative Order, Town of Manville Public Water System, Docket No. SDWA-08-2010-0071 and Docket No. SDWA-08-2013-0039, PWS ID #WY5600110

Dear Mayor Ross:

This letter approves a change to the plan and schedule for addressing the Town of Manville's (Town's) ongoing violations of the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for uranium and for gross alpha as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrative Orders (Orders) issued by the EPA on August 26, 2010, and June 24, 2013, respectively.

On July 10, 2013, the Town notified the EPA that it intends to address both the uranium and gross alpha MCL violations with the same plan and schedule. Therefore, this updated addendum is being issued to extend the final completion date and to incorporate this plan and schedule into both Orders.

The below schedule sets forth revised completion deadlines for the bringing the Town into consistent compliance with the uranium and gross alpha MCLs. This amended schedule was requested by the Town, through its project engineer, via email on July 24, 2015. Specifically, due to delays in the Town's effort to finalize its agreement with the Wyoming Water Development Commission and, more recently, delays caused by recovery efforts following the flood of June 3, which affected Manville and other communities in Niobrara County, the deadline construction of the new operational deep well, scheduled for September 30, 2015, cannot be met.

The proposed nine month delay allows for final completion of the Town's proposed project, per the below schedule.

<u>Step</u>	Action	Completion Deadline
1	Complete final design and obtain right of way for new deep well pipeline easement.	August 31, 2015
2	Obtain Wyoming DEQ permit to construct.	October 31, 2015
3	Publicly bid construction project.	November 30, 2015

4	Award construction contract.	December 4, 2015
5	Notice to Proceed issued to selected contractor.	December 31, 2015
6	Complete well, and install power, SCADA and transmission line.	April 30, 2016
7	New well in operation (with existing wells).	June 30, 2016

If the actions listed in this schedule do not result in compliance with the MCL for uranium and gross alpha, the EPA may require additional actions.

Consistent with paragraph 13 of the Order issued on August 26, 2010, and paragraph 16 of the Order issued on June 24, 2013, the milestone deadlines above are now enforceable requirements of the Orders. Pursuant to paragraphs 21 and 25 of the Orders, respectively, the EPA is authorized to seek penalties if those deadlines are not met. If the Town has a reasonable basis to believe it may be unable to meet any deadline in the schedule, it shall notify the EPA well in advance of the deadline to request an extension. The EPA may, in its discretion, consider granting an extension.

Please be advised that the Town is required to comply with all provisions of the Orders. This includes continuing to sample quarterly for uranium and gross alpha, and providing quarterly public notice of the uranium and gross alpha MCL violations if the running annual averages for those contaminants continue to exceed the MCLs of 0.30 milligrams per liter or 15 picocuries per liter, respectively. Penalties for failing to comply are set forth in the Orders.

EPA thanks the Town for its ongoing efforts to ensure safe drinking water for users of its public water system. Technical questions regarding this matter may be directed to Mario Mérida at (303) 312-6297, or via email at merida.mario@epa.gov. If the town's attorney has any questions or wishes to discuss this matter, s/he may contact Peggy Livingston, Enforcement Attorney, at (303) 312-6858, or via email at livingston.peggy@epa.gov.

Sincerely

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