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<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> <u>RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

The Honorable Robert Grauberger, Mayor City of Rawlins P.O. Box 953 Rawlins, Wyoming 82301

> Re: Administrative Order Violation and Addendum (Deadline Extension Approval), City of Rawlins Public Water System, PWS ID #5600045, Docket No. SDWA-08-2017-0016

Dear Mayor Grauberger:

On May 11, 2017, the EPA issued an Administrative Order (Order) to the City of Rawlins (Respondent or City), as owner and/or operator of the City of Rawlins public water system, ordering compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. Section 300f <u>et seq.</u>, and its implementing regulations, the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWRs), 40 C.F.R. part 141.

Our records indicate that the City is in violation of the Order. Among other things, the Order included the following requirement (quoted from paragraph 9(a) on page 2 of the Order):

Within 30 days of receipt of this Order, Respondent shall submit to the EPA for approval a document setting forth Study protocol (Protocol). Respondent's Protocol submission shall incorporate all requirements Study performance requirements set forth in the DOP.

The City received the Order on May 15, 2017, and did not submit a filter demonstration Protocol to the EPA by the June 15, 2017, deadline.

This letter also **approves the deadline extension to July 22, 2017**, as requested on June 21, 2017, by Karl Smith, an agent for the City, for the City to submit a Protocol to the EPA. Deadline extension requests must be submitted to the EPA in advance of the deadline, be in writing (email), document actions accomplished towards meeting the deadline, and include a justification for the extension.

The EPA is considering additional enforcement action as a result of non-compliance with the Order. Violating an administrative order may lead to (1) a penalty of up to \$54,789 per day per violation of the Order, and/or (2) a court injunction ordering compliance.

If you have any questions you may contact Kathelene Brainich via email at <u>brainich.kathelene@epa.gov</u> or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6481 or (303) 312-6481. Any questions from the City's attorney should be directed to Mia Bearley, enforcement attorney, who may be reached via email at <u>bearley.mia@epa.gov</u>, by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6554, or (303) 312-6554.

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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