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The Honorable Larry Stepp, Mayor
Town of La Barge
clerk@townoflabarge.org

Subj: Administrative Order Addendum regarding the La Barge Public Water System,
PWS ID #5600222, Docket # **SDWA-08-2025-0010**

Dear Mayor Stepp:

This is an Addendum to the Administrative Order (Order) issued to the Town of La Barge (Town) as Respondent on February 12, 2025. The purpose of this letter is to approve the March 17, 2025, schedule (Schedule) submitted by Forsgren Associates, Inc. on behalf of the Town for coming into compliance with the Ground Water Rule violations for uncorrected significant deficiencies cited in the Order. The Schedule enclosed is hereby incorporated into the Order pursuant to paragraph 10. Each milestone and deadline specified below is an enforceable provision of the Order.

<u>Milestone</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Projected Cost</u>
SD#8 – Inspect ST02 Tank overflow & compare to tech tips.	Completed	\$1,000
SD#8 – Install 24-mesh screen and ensure overflow discharge pipe is 12 – 24 inches above engineered rip-rap.	Completed	
SD#8 - Submit the Significant Deficiency Correction Notice Form, applicable unknown integrity checklist and accompanying inspection report/photos to EPA for review, comment and approval.	Completed	
SD#9 – Submit Permit to Construct application to Wyoming Department	April 18, 2025	\$202,000

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of Environmental Quality (WDEQ) for correction actions.		
SD#9 - Provide timely and complete response to address any WDEQ comments on an incomplete Permit application.	Within 30 days of receiving WDEQ comments.	
SD#9 – Conduct public bidding process and execute agreement with contractor.	August 15, 2025	
SD#9 – Complete construction of new raw water pumphouse.	November 28, 2025, or within 5 months of receiving a Permit from WDEQ, whichever is later.	
SD#9 - Submit the Significant Deficiency Correction Notice Form, applicable unknown integrity checklist and accompanying inspection report/photos to EPA for review, comment and approval.	December 3, 2025, or within 10 days of completing construction of new raw water pumphouse, whichever is later.	
SD#9: Send EPA case manager quarterly progress reports and updated Tier 2 Public Notice(s) (PN)	Ongoing. Due quarterly progress and PN updates: 1st quarter – April 10, 2nd quarter – July 10, 3rd quarter – October 10, and 4th quarter – January 10	N/A
Notify the EPA of construction completion.	Within 10 calendar days after completing all tasks included in the Schedule.	N/A

The Order also requires that the Town achieve and maintain compliance with the Ground Water Rule violations by the final date specified in the approved Schedule. The EPA is authorized to seek penalties if these 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 must notify the EPA well in advance of the Scheduled deadline to request an extension. The EPA may, in its discretion, consider granting an extension.

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If you have any questions or to request an informal conference with the EPA, please contact Chris Brown via email at brown.christopher.t@epa.gov, or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6669, or (303) 312-6669. Any questions from the Town's attorney should be directed to Mia Bearley, Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, via email at bearley.mia@epa.gov or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6554, or (303) 312-6554.

Sincerely,

Colleen Rathbone, Manager
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cc:

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