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December 23, 2024

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Mr. Dale Stietz, Owner  
Buckhorn Bar and Grill  
25380 N Highway 85  
Newcastle, WY 82701

Subj: Administrative Order issued to Dale Stietz regarding Buckhorn Bar and Grill  
Public Water System, PWS ID #WY5600600, Docket No. SDWA-08-2025-0008

Dear Mr. Stietz:

Enclosed is an Administrative Order (Order) issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency 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 you, as owner and operator of the Buckhorn Bar and Grill Public Water System (System), have violated the EPA's drinking water regulations at 40 C.F.R. part 141 (Part 141). The EPA is issuing this Order because our previous compliance assurance efforts have not been effective in returning the System to compliance with Part 141.

The Order is effective upon the date received. Please review the Order and within 10 business days provide the EPA with any pertinent information you believe the EPA may not have (*e.g.*, any monitoring that may have been done but not submitted and/or any updates to the number of service connections and/or individuals served). If the EPA does not hear from you, the EPA will assume this information is correct. If you comply with the Order, the EPA may close the Order without further action. Failure to comply with the Order may trigger immediate action by the EPA, including a complaint seeking administrative penalties. The complaint may lead to assessment of civil penalties of up to \$69,733 (as adjusted for inflation) per day of violation, a court injunction ordering compliance, or both. 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3; 40 C.F.R. part 19; 88 Fed. Reg. at 89309 (December 27, 2023).

The Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act (SBREFA) may apply to this situation. Enclosed is a small business information sheet, outlining compliance

assistance resources available to small businesses and small entities, in case these are relevant. SBREFA does not eliminate the responsibility to comply with the Order or Part 141. Also enclosed are several templates and fact sheets to assist Respondent in addressing the outstanding violations.

Please be aware that Respondent is required to submit to the EPA a plan and schedule for bringing the System into compliance with Part 141. The EPA's approval of your schedule does not substitute for any other approval that may be required by any other governmental entity for modifying the System. The EPA encourages you to contact any such governmental agency or agencies regarding any applicable approval requirements.

If you have any questions or to request an informal conference with the EPA, please contact Christina Carballal via email at [Carballal-broome.christina@epa.gov](mailto:Carballal-broome.christina@epa.gov), or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6046, or (303) 312-6046. Any questions from your attorney should be directed to Noah Stanton, Assistant Regional Counsel, via email at [stanton.noah@epa.gov](mailto:stanton.noah@epa.gov) or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6163, or (303) 312-6163. We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

for Colleen Rathbone, Manager  
Water Enforcement Branch  
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

ENCLOSURES

cc:

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