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Richard Opper, Director
Montana Department of
Environmental Quality
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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Docket No. **SDWA-08-2007-0059**

Town of Denton
PO Box 986
Denton, MT 59430
PWS ID# MT0000199

Dear Mr. Opper:

The above referenced public drinking water system has violated certain provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. § 300f, et seq. and the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations at 40 C.F.R. part 141. The violations consist of: exceedance of the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for nitrate; failure to collect and analyze confirmation samples after an exceedance of the MCL for nitrate; failure to provide public notice that confirmation samples were not collected; and failure to notify the State of the violations. Our records, obtained from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's Public Water Supply Online Query Reports, indicate the violations noted below. Please notify Kimberly Pardue Welch of my staff at (303) 312-6983 within 20 days if your records show any discrepancies with these determinations of violation.

<u>Date of Violation</u>	<u>Violation</u>
8/16/06, 11/27/06, 2/27/07	Exceeded the MCL for nitrate. [40 C.F.R. § 141.62(b)]

<u>Date of Violation</u>	<u>Violation</u>
August 2006, November 2006, February 2007	Failure to collect confirmation samples within 24 hours of receipt of notification of the results of the first nitrate MCL violation. [40 C.F.R. § 141.23(f)(2)]
2006 and 2007	Failure to provide public notice within 24 hours of becoming aware that confirmation samples were not collected. [40 C.F.R. § 141.202(b)]
2006 and 2007	Failure to report the above-referenced violations to the State [40 C.F.R. §§ 141.21(g)(2) and 141.31(b)]

This NOTICE OF VIOLATION is issued pursuant to section 1414(a) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(a). If the State does not commence appropriate enforcement action within 30 days from the receipt of this notification, the EPA is authorized either to issue an Administrative Order under section 1414(g) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g), requiring the public water system to comply with the regulations or requirements, or to commence civil action under section 1414(b) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(b).

Please inform EPA of any change in the compliance status of this system. You may wish to confer with my staff to determine the Agency's position concerning this system and to exchange appropriate information. If the State does not commence appropriate enforcement action within 30 days from the receipt of the notification, EPA will proceed with issuance of an administrative order. Our technical contact is Kimberly Pardue Welch at (303) 312-6983.

A copy of this NOTICE OF VIOLATION has been concurrently sent to the system identified above. Also enclosed for the benefit of the System is a copy of EPA's Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act (SBREFA) fact sheet containing information on compliance assistance resources and tools available to small businesses. EPA has agreed to notify small businesses of their right to comment on regulatory enforcement activities at the same time of an EPA enforcement action. Small governments are also included under SBREFA, and the enclosed fact sheet discusses resources which may also be available to small governments. Also, there is a compliance assistance center for small governments, the Local Government Environmental Assistance Network (LGEAN). LGEAN can be accessed at www.lgean.com or by calling (877) 865-4326. SBREFA does not eliminate your responsibility to comply with the SDWA.

Sincerely,



Diane L. Sipe, Director
Water Enforcement Program
Office of Enforcement, Compliance
and Environmental Justice



David J. Janik, Acting Director
Legal Enforcement Program
Office of Enforcement, Compliance
and Environmental Justice

Enclosure: SBREFA Fact Sheet

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