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JUL 25 2011

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Crook County Commissioners
c/o Jim Hadley, Chairman
P.O. Box 37
County Courthouse
Sundance, WY 82729-0037

Re: Notice of Safe Drinking Water Act
Enforcement Action against the
Sand Creek Trading Post LLC
Public Water System
PWS ID #WY5600300

Dear County Commissioners:

The Safe Drinking Water Act requires that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) notify locally elected officials of certain enforcement actions taken in their area.

EPA has issued an Administrative Order (Order) to the Sand Creek Trading Post LLC, owner of the Sand Creek Trading Post drinking water system, directing it to comply with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations. The violations alleged in the Order include: failing to monitor for nitrate, failing to monitor for total coliform and failing to report these violations to EPA.

For more details, a copy of the Order is enclosed. **The Order does not require any response or action by the County Commission.** If you have any questions regarding the Order, please contact Kimberly Pardue Welch at (303) 312-6983.

Sincerely,


Arturo Palomares, Director
Water Technical Enforcement Program
Office of Enforcement, Compliance
and Environmental Justice

Enclosure:
Administrative Order



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Robert Jarvis, Registered Agent
Sand Creek Trading Post LLC
1132 E 12th
Gillette, WY 82716

Re: Administrative Order
Sand Creek Trading Post
Public Water System
Docket No. **SDWA-08-2011-0054**
PWS ID #WY5600300

Dear Mr. Jarvis:

Enclosed is an Administrative Order (Order) issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the authority of section 1414 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3. Among other things, the Order alleges that Sand Creek Trading Post LLC (the company) has violated the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (the drinking water regulations).

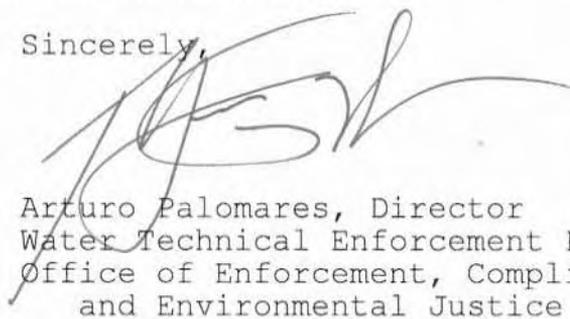
The Order is effective upon the date received. Please review the Order and within 10 days provide EPA with any information you believe EPA may not have. If the company complies with the Order, EPA may close the Order without further action. Failure to comply with the Order may lead to substantial civil penalties and/or a Federal court injunction ordering compliance.

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 governments, in case these are relevant. SBREFA does not eliminate the responsibility to comply with the Order or the drinking water regulations.

To submit information or request an informal conference with EPA, please contact Kimberly Pardue Welch at the above address (with the mailcode 8ENF-W) or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6983 or (303) 312-6983. Any questions from the company's attorney should be directed to Jean Belille, Enforcement Attorney, who may be reached at the above address (with the mailcode 8ENF-L) or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6556 or (303) 312-6556.

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AP', is written over the typed name and title.

Arturo Palomares, Director
Water Technical Enforcement Program
Office of Enforcement, Compliance
and Environmental Justice

Enclosures:

Order
SBREFA Information Sheet
Public notice

cc:

WY DEQ/DOH (via email)
Tina Artemis, EPA Regional Hearing Clerk
Scott Jarvis, Sand Creek Trading Post

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IN THE MATTER OF:)
) Docket No. **SDWA-08-2011-0054**
Sand Creek Trading Post LLC)
) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
Respondent.)

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1. This Order is issued under the authority vested in the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by section 1414 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (the Act), 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3, as properly delegated to the undersigned officials.

2. Sand Creek Trading Post LLC (Respondent) is a Wyoming corporation that owns and/or operates the Sand Creek Trading Post Water System (the system), which provides piped water to the public in Crook County, Wyoming, for human consumption.

3. The system is supplied by a groundwater source consisting of one artesian well.

4. The system has approximately 5 service connections and/or regularly serves an average of approximately 30 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year. Therefore, the system is a "public water system" as defined in § 1401(4) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300f(4), and 40 C.F.R. § 141.2. The system is also a "transient, non-community water system" as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 141.2.

5. Respondent is subject to the Act and the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (drinking water regulations) at 40 C.F.R. part 141. The drinking water regulations are "applicable requirements" as defined in § 1414(i) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(i).

6. The drinking water regulations include monitoring requirements. EPA has sent Respondent annual notifications of the specific monitoring requirements that apply to the system.

VIOLATIONS

7. Respondent is required to monitor the system's water annually for nitrate and to report analytical results to EPA within the first 10 days following the month in which sample results were received. 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.23(d) and 141.31(a). Respondent failed to monitor the system's water for nitrate during 2010, and, therefore, violated these requirements. Respondent monitored the system's water for nitrate on April 26, 2011.

8. Respondent is required to monitor the system's water quarterly for total coliform bacteria. 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(a). Respondent failed to monitor the system's water for total coliform bacteria during the 4th quarter of 2010 and, therefore, violated this requirement.

9. Respondent is required to report any failure to comply with any drinking water regulation to EPA within 48 hours (except where the drinking water regulations specify a different time period). 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b). Respondent failed to report the violation cited in paragraph 7, above, to EPA and, therefore, violated this requirement.

10. Respondent is required to report any failure to comply with any coliform monitoring requirement to EPA within 10 days after discovering the violation. 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2). Respondent failed to report the violation listed in paragraph 8, above, to EPA and, therefore, violated this requirement.

ORDER

Based on the above violations, Respondent is ordered to perform the following actions upon Respondent's receipt of this Order (unless a different deadline is specified below):

11. Respondent shall monitor the system's water for nitrate per the regulations. 40 C.F.R. § 141.23(d). Respondent is next required to sample for nitrate during the 2012 monitoring period (January - December). Respondent shall report analytical results to EPA within the first 10 days following the month in which sample results were received, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(a). Respondent shall report any violation of the nitrate monitoring requirements to EPA within 48 hours of the violation occurring, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b).

12. Respondent shall monitor the system's water quarterly for total coliform bacteria and, in the event of any result that is positive for total coliform, conduct repeat and additional routine monitoring, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.21. Respondent shall report analytical results to EPA within the first 10 days following the month in which sample results were received, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(a). Respondent shall report any violation of the total coliform monitoring requirements to EPA within 10 days after discovering the violation, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2).

13. Respondent shall direct all reporting required by this Order to:

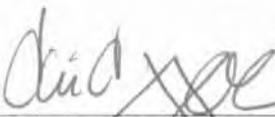
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GENERAL PROVISIONS

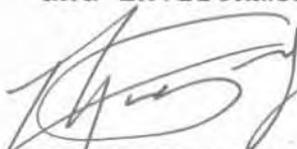
14. This Order does not constitute a waiver, suspension, or modification of any requirement of the Act or drinking water regulations. Issuance of this Order is not an election by EPA to forgo any civil or criminal action.

15. Violation of any part of this Order or the drinking water regulations may subject Respondent to a civil penalty of up to \$37,500 (as adjusted for inflation) per day of violation, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3; 40 C.F.R. part 19.

Issued: July 25, 2011.



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



Arturo Palomares, Director
Water Technical Enforcement Program
Office of Enforcement, Compliance
and Environmental Justice

TIER 3 TEMPLATES

The pages that follow contain templates for Tier 3 violations and situations. Along with the templates are instructions, including the required method of delivery and instructions for completing individual sections of the notices. These instructions are designed to supplement Chapter 7, so you may see much of the information repeated here.

Mandatory language on unknown risk for monitoring violations, which must be included exactly as written, is presented in *italics* (141.205(d)).

You must also include the following italicized language in all notices, where applicable (141.205(d)). Use of this language does *not* relieve you of your obligation to take steps reasonably calculated to notify all persons served:

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Templates

Monitoring Violations Annual Notice–Template 3-1

Instructions for Monitoring Violations Annual Notice--Template 3-1

Template on Reverse

Since most monitoring violations are included in Tier 3, you must provide public notice to persons served within one year after you learn of the violation (141.204(b)). Multiple monitoring violations can be serious, and your primacy agency may have more stringent requirements. Check with your primacy agency to make sure you meet its requirements.

Community systems must use one of the following (141.204(c)):

- Hand or direct delivery
- Mail, as a separate notice or included with the bill

Non-community systems must use one of the following (141.204(c)):

- Posting in conspicuous locations
- Hand delivery
- Mail

In addition, both community and non-community systems must use *another* method reasonably calculated to reach others if they would not be reached by the first method (141.204(c)). Such methods could include newspapers, e-mail, or delivery to community organizations. If you post the notice, it must remain posted until the violation is resolved. If the violation has been resolved, you must post the notice for at least one week (141.204(b)). If you mail, post, or hand deliver, print your notice on letterhead, if available.

The notice on the reverse is appropriate for insertion in an annual notice or the CCR, as long as public notification timing and delivery requirements are met (141.204(d)). You may need to modify the template for a notice for individual monitoring violations. This example presents violations in a table; however, you may write out an explanation for each violation if you wish. For any monitoring violation for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) or other groups, you may list the group name in the table, but you must provide the name of every chemical in the group on the notice, e.g., in a footnote.

You may need to modify the notice if you had any monitoring violations for which monitoring later showed a maximum contaminant level or other violation. In such cases, you should refer to the public notice you issued at that time.

Include in your notice the standard language for monitoring and testing procedure violations in *italics* (141.205(d)(2)). If you modify the notice, you may not alter this mandatory language.

Corrective Actions

In your notice, describe corrective actions you took or are taking. Listed below are some steps commonly taken by water systems with monitoring violations. Choose the appropriate language, or develop your own:

- We have since taken the required samples, as described in the last column of the table above. The samples showed we are meeting drinking water standards.
- We have since taken the required samples, as described in the last column of the table above. The sample for [contaminant] exceeded the limit. [Describe corrective action; use information from public notice prepared for violating the limit.]
- We plan to take the required samples soon, as described in the last column of the table above.

After Issuing the Notice

Make sure to send your primacy agency a copy of each type of notice and a certification that you have met all the public notice requirements within ten days after issuing the notice (141.31(d)).

Please send a copy of your notice and dates posted to:

Kimberly Pardue Welch
US EPA Region 8
8ENF-W
1595 Wynkoop Street
Denver, CO 80202-1129

Or, you may fax a copy to: Attn: Kimberly Pardue Welch at 303-312-7518.

Certification of Public Notification

I _____ certify that the attached public notification was issued from
(PWS Operator / Responsible Party)

_____ to _____
(Date) (Date)

The attached notice was issued by _____
(Method of delivery)

Signature _____ Date _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Sand Creek Trading Post

Our water system violated several drinking water standards over the past year. Even though these were not emergencies, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct these situations.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. We failed to monitor the water for total coliform during the 4th quarter of 2010 and failed to monitor the water for nitrate during 2010 and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time.

The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for during the previous years, how often we are supposed to sample for [this contaminant/these contaminants] and how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were (or will be) taken.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	When all samples should have been taken	When samples were or will be taken
Failure to monitor for nitrate	Annually	2010	4/26/11
Failure to monitor for total coliform	4 th quarter of 2010	1 sample every quarter	System has collected a sample every quarter thereafter

What happened? What is being done?

For more information, please contact [name and number of contact person] _____ or
 [Address] _____

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by **Sand Creek Trading Post LLC**
 State Water System ID#: **WY5600300**

Date distributed or dates posted: _____