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Tim and Deborah Bishop, Owners
Medicine Bow Lodge
Star Route 8A
Saratoga, WY 82331

Re: Violation of Administrative
Order
Medicine Bow Lodge Public
Water System
Docket No.SDWA-08-2011-0027
PWS ID # WY5600986

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bishop:

On February 28, 2011, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an Administrative Order, Docket No. SDWA-08-2011-0027, ordering you, as owners and/or operators of the Medicine Bow Lodge public water system (System), to comply with various regulations issued by EPA under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. § 300f et seq.

Our records indicate that you (Respondents) are in violation of the Administrative Order (the Order). Among other things, the Order included the following requirements (quoted from paragraphs 15 and 22 on pages 3 and 4 of the Order):

1. If Respondents' total coliform sample results exceed the MCL while this Order is in effect, within 30 days of that violation, Respondents shall provide EPA with a compliance plan and schedule for the system to come into compliance with the MCL for total coliform as stated in 40 C.F.R. § 141.63(a). The plan shall include proposed system modifications, estimated costs of modifications, and a schedule for completion of the project and compliance with the total coliform MCL. The proposed schedule shall include specific milestone dates and a final compliance date. The final compliance date shall be within four months from the date of EPA's approval of the plan and schedule. The proposed plan and schedule must be approved by EPA before any construction or system modifications may begin. EPA's approval of Respondents' plan and schedule

does not substitute for any State of Wyoming approvals of plans and specifications that may also be required before modifications may be made to the system.

On March 13 and again on March 15, 2012, Respondents collected multiple water samples which were found to be total coliform-positive, and as a result violated the MCL for total coliform during the month of March 2012. Respondents failed to provide EPA with a compliance plan and schedule within 30 days of that MCL violation, and therefore did not fulfill the above cited requirement of the Order.

2. Within 30 days of receipt of this Order, Respondents shall notify the public of the violations cited in paragraphs 7, 8 and 9, above, as required by 40 C.F.R. part 141, subpart Q. Thereafter, following any future violation of the drinking water regulations, Respondents shall comply with the applicable public notice provisions of 40 C.F.R. part 141, subpart Q. Within 10 days of providing public notice, Respondents shall submit a copy of the notice to EPA.

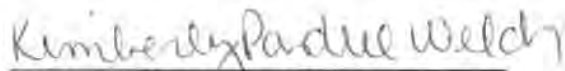
Respondent failed to submit to EPA a copy of the public notice it reported posting in March 2012, and therefore did not fulfill the above cited requirement of the Order.

EPA is considering additional enforcement action, including assessment of penalties, as a result of the non-compliance with the Order detailed above. Violating an Administrative Order may lead to (1) a penalty of up to \$37,500 per day per violation of the Order, and/or (2) a court injunction ordering compliance.

If you have any questions or wish to have an informal conference with EPA, you may contact Mario Mérida at 1-800-227-8917, extension 6297 or (303) 312-6297. If you are represented by an attorney who has questions, please ask your attorney to contact Charles Figur, Enforcement Attorney, at 1-800-227-8917, extension 6915 or (303) 312-6915 or at the following address:

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We urge your prompt attention to this matter.


Kimberly Pardue-Welch, Team Leader
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