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<u>SENT VIA EMAIL</u> <u>DIGITAL READ RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

The Honorable Dominic Wolf, Mayor mayor@superiorwyoming.net

Re: Administrative Order issued to the Town of Superior regarding the Superior Public Water System, PWS ID #WY5600092, Docket No. SDWA-08-2023-0014

Dear Mayor Wolf:

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 the Town of Superior (Town) as owner and operator of the Town of Superior Public Water System (System), has 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, any updates to the number of service connections and/or individuals served). If the EPA does not hear from the Town, the EPA will assume this information is correct. If the Town complies 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 \$67,544 (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 989 (January 6, 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 the Town in addressing the outstanding violations.

If you have any questions or to request an informal conference with the EPA, please contact Rachel Brookins via email at brookins.rachel@epa.gov, or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6509, or (303) 312-6509. 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.

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosures

cc: WY DEQ/DOH Sweetwater County Commissioners EPA Regional Hearing Clerk Anita Vaughn, Town of Superior Clerk Leroy Winters, Town of Superior Operator Travis Wagner, Town of Superior Operator Amber Wolf George, Town of Superior Operator Candace Smith, Town of Superior Operator Mark Baron, P.E., Wyoming DEQ District Engineer