

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 8

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Park County Commissioners c/o Bucky Hall, Chairman Park County Courthouse 1002 Sheridan Ave. Cody, WY 82414

> Re: Notice of Safe Drinking Water Act Enforcement Action against Trail Shop Public Water System PWS ID # WY5600570

Dear Commissioners:

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) 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 Trail Shop, LLC, owner and operator of the Trail Shop public water system, located in Park County, WY, directing it to comply with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations. The violations alleged in the Order include: exceeding the maximum contaminant level for total coliform bacteria, failing to monitor for total coliform bacteria, failing to monitor for fecal bacteria at the ground water source, failing to notify the public of certain violations, and failing to report certain 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 this Order, please contact Mario Mérida at (303) 312-6297.

Sincerely

Arturo Palomares, Director

Water Technical Enforcement Program
Office of Enforcement, Compliance

and Environmental Justice

Enclosure: Order



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C. Edward Webster, Registered Agent Trail Shop, LLC 1226 11th St. Cody, WY 82414

Re: Administrative Order

Trail Shop Public Water System Docket No. SDWA-08-2012-0008

PWS ID #WY5600570

Dear Mr. Webster:

Enclosed is an Administrative Order (Order) issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 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 Trail Shop, LLC (the Company), as owner and/or operator of the Trail Shop public water system (the System) has violated the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations at 40 C.F.R. part 141 (Drinking Water Regulations).

The Order is effective upon the date received. Please review the Order and within 10 days provide the EPA with any information you believe the EPA may not have.

If the Company complies with the Order, the 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.

The Order requires the Company to notify the public of having violated the Drinking Water Regulations.

Enclosed please find a public notice template explaining the public notice requirements in more detail.

To submit information or request an informal conference with the EPA, please contact Mario Mérida at the above address (with the mailcode 8ENF-W) or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6297 or (303) 312-6297. Any questions from your 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 the Company's prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Arturo Palomares, Director

Water Technical Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

Enclosures:

Order

SBREFA Information Sheet Public Notice Template

cc: Tina Artemis, EPA Regional Hearing Clerk

WY DEQ/DOH (via email)

Gary and Dede Fales, Trail Shop (via certified mail)

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IN THE MATTER OF:) D. L. N. CONT. OR SOLD DORSA REGION VIII
	Docket No. SDWA-08-2012-0008
Trail Shop, LLC,	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
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Respondents.	

- 1. This Order is issued under the authority vested in the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by section 1414(g) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (the Act), 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g), as properly delegated to the undersigned officials.
- Trail Shop, LLC (Respondent) is a Wyoming corporation which owns and/or operates the Trail Shop public water system (the System), which provides piped water to the public in Park County, Wyoming, for human consumption.
- The System is supplied by a ground water source consisting of one well and the System's water is not treated.
- 4. The System has approximately six service connections and/or regularly serves an average of approximately 40 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year. Therefore, the System is a "public water system" as defined in section 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 section 1414(i) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(i).
- The Drinking Water Regulations include monitoring requirements. The EPA has sent Respondent annual notifications of the specific monitoring requirements that apply to the System.

VIOLATIONS

7. If two or more samples collected in any month from the System's water are positive for total coliform, then the System has not complied with the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total coliform bacteria. 40 C.F.R. § 141.63(a)(2). During the month of July 2011 two or more samples from the System were positive for total coliform, and, therefore, Respondent violated this requirement.

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- 8. If the System has one or more sampling results that are positive for total coliform, Respondent is required to collect at least five routine samples during the next month the System provides water to the public. 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(b)(5). After the System's water tested positive for total coliform on July 5, 2011, Respondent failed to take at least five routine samples of the System's water in August 2011, and, therefore, violated this requirement.
- 9. Respondent is required to conduct triggered source monitoring within 24 hours of being notified that a regular, routine total coliform monitoring sample is positive for total coliform. For triggered source water monitoring, Respondent must sample each ground water source and have it analyzed for a fecal indicator. 40 C.F.R. § 141.402. Respondent was notified that a routine sample collected on July 5, 2011 (collected pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(a) and not invalidated under 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(c)) was positive for total coliform. However, Respondent failed to collect any ground water source samples within 24 hours and, therefore, violated 40 C.F.R. § 141.402.
- 10. Respondent is required to notify the public of certain violations of the Drinking Water Regulations. 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.201-141.211. Respondent failed to notify the public of the violation cited in paragraph 7, above, and, therefore, violated this requirement.
- 11. Respondent is required to report any failure to comply with any coliform monitoring requirement to the EPA within 10 days after discovering the violation. 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2). Respondent failed to report the violation cited in paragraph 8, above, to EPA and, therefore, violated this requirement.
- 12. Respondent is required to report any coliform MCL violation to the EPA no later than the end of the next business day after learning of it. 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(1). Respondent did not notify the EPA of the MCL violation cited in paragraph 7, above, and, therefore, violated this requirement.
- 13. Respondent is required to report any failure to comply with any Drinking Water Regulation to the 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 10, above, to the EPA and, therefore, violated this requirement.

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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):

- 14. Respondent shall comply with the total coliform MCL in 40 C.F.R. § 141.63.
- 15. If the System's water does not comply with the total coliform MCL in 40 C.F.R. § 141.63, Respondent shall report this violation to the EPA by the end of the business day after discovering the violation, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(1).
- 16. If any routine sample for the System is positive for total coliform, Respondent shall collect at least five routine samples during the next month in which the System provides water to the public, following the procedures in 40 C.F.R. § 141.21.
- 17. Prior to opening the System for the 2012 season, Respondent shall collect at least one water sample from their ground water source for fecal indicator analysis. If the sample is negative, Respondent shall report that result to the EPA no later than 10 days after the end of the month in which the sample is taken. If the sample is positive, Respondent shall notify the EPA immediately for appropriate assistance in meeting the requirement of 40 C.F.R. § 141.402(g) to provide public notice within 24 hours as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.202. Thereafter, Respondent shall comply with all source water monitoring and related requirements in 40 C.F.R. § 141.402. When reporting any triggered source water sample result to the EPA, Respondent shall specify that it is a triggered source water sample.
- 18. Respondent shall report any violation of coliform monitoring requirements in 40 C.F.R. part 141 to the EPA within 10 days after discovering the violation, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2).
- 19. Respondent shall report any violation of the Drinking Water Regulations to the EPA within 48 hours of the violation occurring, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b). However, if a different time period for reporting is specified in this Order or the Drinking Water Regulations, Respondent shall report within that different period.
- 20. Within 30 days of opening the system for the season, Respondent shall notify the public of the violations cited in paragraphs 7 through 9, above, following the instructions provided with the public notice templates provided to Respondent with this Order. Thereafter, following any future violation of the Drinking Water Regulations, Respondent shall comply with any applicable public notice provisions of 40 C.F.R. part 141, subpart Q. Within 10 days after providing public notice, Respondent shall submit a copy of the notice to the EPA.

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Respondent shall direct all reporting required by this Order to:

U.S. EPA Region 8 (8P-W-DW) 1595 Wynkoop Denver, CO 80202-1129

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 22. This Order shall 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.
- 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: January 26, 2012

Eduardo Quintana, Acting Supervisory Attorney

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