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CERTIFIED MAIL LETTER
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Western Wyoming Corporate Services, Inc., Registered Agent
Turpin Meadow Ranch, Inc.
P. O. Box 5200
Lancaster, PA 17606-5200

Re: Administrative Order
Turpin Meadow Ranch
Public Water System
Docket No. **SDWA_08-2010-0057**
PWS ID# WY5601091

Dear Madame/Sir:

Enclosed is an Administrative Order (Order) issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the authority of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 300f *et seq.* Among other things, the Order alleges that Turpin Meadow Ranch, Inc. (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 Shawn McCaffrey at the above address (with the mailcode 8ENF-W) or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6515 or (303) 312-6515. Any questions from the company's attorney should be directed to David Janik, Senior Enforcement Attorney, who may be reached at the above address (with the mailcode 8ENF-L) or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6917 or (303) 312-6917.

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Darcy O'Connor, Acting Director
Water Technical Enforcement Program
Office of Enforcement, Compliance
and Environmental Justice

Enclosures:

Order
SBREFA Information Sheet

cc:

Tina Artemis, EPA Regional Hearing Clerk
Wyoming DEQ/DOH (via email)
Aaron Heindel, General Manager, Turpin Meadow Ranch
Jose Castro, Deputy Forest Supervisor, Bridger-Teton National Forest

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EPA REGION VIII
HEARING CLERK

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
Turpin Meadow Ranch, Inc.,)
)
Respondent.)

Docket No. **SDWA-08-2010-0057**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

1. This Order is issued under the authority vested in the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300f *et seq.* (the Act), as properly delegated to the undersigned officials.
2. Turpin Meadow Ranch, Inc. (Respondent) is a Wyoming corporation that owns and/or operates the Turpin Meadow Ranch Water System (the system), which provides piped water to the public in Teton County, Wyoming, for human consumption.
3. The system is supplied by a ground water source consisting of one well which provides water that is not treated.
4. The system has approximately 17 service connections and/or regularly serves an average of approximately 30 individuals daily for at least 6 months 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 quarterly for total coliform bacteria. 40 C.F.R. § 141.21. Respondent failed to monitor the system's water for total coliform bacteria during the 3rd (July – September) quarter of 2009, and 1st (January – March) quarter of 2010, and, therefore, violated this requirement.

8. Respondent is required to report any failure to meet a coliform monitoring requirement to EPA no later than 10 days after learning of this violation. 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2). Respondent did not notify EPA of the violations cited in paragraph 7, above, 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):

9. Respondent shall monitor the system's water quarterly for total coliform bacteria, 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 of discovery, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2).

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

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

GENERAL PROVISIONS

11. 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.



12. 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: June 24, 2010.

David Rochlin

Michael T. Risner, Director
David Rochlin, Supervisory Attorney
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