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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Don Mortensen, Registered Agent Seminoe Boat Club P.O. Box 182 Rawlins, Wyoming 82301

Re: Administrative Order issued to the Seminoe Boat Club, PWS ID# 5600335, Docket No. SDWA-08-2017-0039

Dear Mr. Mortensen:

Enclosed is an Administrative Order (Order) issued by the U.S. 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 Seminoe Boat Club (Club), as owner and/or operator of the Seminoe Boat Club Public Water System (System), has violated the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations at 40 C.F.R. part 141 (Drinking Water Regulations). The Order issued to the Club on September 29, 2016, remains in full force and effect.

The Order is effective upon the date received. Please review the Order and within 10 days provide the EPA with any information the Club believes the EPA may not have (for example, monitoring that may have been done but not submitted). If the EPA does not hear from the Club, the EPA will assume the information in the Order is correct.

If the Club 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.

To submit information or to request an informal conference with the EPA, please contact Olive Hofstader via email at hofstader.olive@epa.gov or by phone at (800) 227-8917 extension 6467 or 303-312-6467. Any questions from the Club's attorney should be directed to Mia Bearley, Enforcement Attorney, 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,

Arturo Palomares, Director Water Technical Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance

and Environmental Justice

Enclosures

Commodore Sean Mortensen, President (seminoeboatclub@gmail.com) cc:

Christy Paris, operator (cparis@q.com)

WY DEQ/DOH (via email)

Melissa Haniewicz, EPA Regional Hearing Clerk



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CERTIFIED MAIL LETTER RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Carbon County Commissioners c/o Willing "John" Johnson, Chair P.O. Box 6 Rawlins, Wyoming 82301

Re: Notice of Safe Drinking Water Act Enforcement Action regarding the Seminoe Boat Club Public Water System, PWS ID #5600335 **Docket No. SDWA-08-2017-0039**

Dear Commissioners:

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

An Administrative Order (Order) is being issued to the Seminoe Boat Club, as the owner and/or operator of the Seminoe Boat Club Public Water System, located in Carbon County, Wyoming, directing it to comply with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations. The violations alleged in the Order are failure to complete seasonal start-up procedures in 2016 and 2017 and failure to notify the EPA of these violations.

For more details, a copy of the Order is enclosed for your information. **The Order does not require** any response or action by the County Commission. If you have any questions regarding this Order, please contact Olive Hofstader at (303) 312-6467.

Sincerely,

Arturo Palomares, Director

Water Technical Enforcement Program

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Enclosure

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IN THE MATTER OF:)	EPA REGION VITO
)	EPA REGION VIII Docket No. sdwa+0842017-0939 RK
Seminoe Boat Club,)	
)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
Respondent.		

- 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.
- 2. The Seminoe Boat Club (Respondent) is a Wyoming corporation that owns and/or operates the Seminoe Boat Club Public Water System (System), which provides piped water to the public in Carbon County, Wyoming, for human consumption.
- 3. The System is supplied by a groundwater source accessed via two wells. The water is treated by disinfection.
- 4. The System has approximately 89 service connections and regularly serves an average of approximately 50 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).

VIOLATIONS

- 6. Respondent is required each year to demonstrate completion of an EPA-approved start-up procedure, which may include sampling, prior to serving water to the public and to certify compliance with the EPA-approved start-up procedure. 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.854(i)(1) and 141.861(a)(5). Respondent failed to demonstrate completion and certification of the EPA-approved start up procedure prior to serving water to the public in 2016 and 2017, and, therefore, violated this requirement.
- 7. 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 violations cited in paragraph 6, above, to the 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):

- 8. Respondent, each year prior to serving water to the public, shall (a) demonstrate completion of the EPA-approved start-up procedure, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.854(i)(1), and (b) certify compliance with the EPA-approved start-up procedure, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.861(a)(5), by using the Seasonal Start-up Checklist and submitting a signed certified copy of the checklist to the EPA. The checklist can be found at: https://www.epa.gov/region8-waterops/revised-total-coliform-rule.
- 9. 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.
- 10. This Order shall be binding on Respondent, its successors and assigns, and any person (e.g., employee, contractor, or other agent) acting in concert with Respondent.
- 11. If Respondent (a) leases or sells the System to another person or entity, or (b) contracts with or hires any other person or entity to operate the System, Respondent shall, no later than the date of such lease, sale, or other contract, provide a copy of this Order to the lessee, purchaser, or contractor. No later than 10 days thereafter, Respondent shall notify the EPA in writing of the lease, sale, or other contract, with such notification to include the name and contact information of the person who has leased, bought, or contracted to operate the System. Respondent shall remain obligated to comply with this Order even if Respondent leases the System to another person or entity or hires another person or entity to operate the System.
- 12. Respondent shall send all reporting and notifications required by this Order to the EPA via email at R8DWU@epa.gov or fax at (877) 876-9101.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 13. This Order shall not constitute a waiver, suspension or modification of any requirement of the Act or the Drinking Water Regulations. Issuance of this Order is not an election by the EPA to forgo any civil or criminal action.
- 14. Violation of any part of this Order or the Drinking Water Regulations may subject Respondent to a civil penalty of up to \$54,789 (as adjusted for inflation) per day of violation. 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3; 40 C.F.R. part 19; 81 Fed. Reg. 43091 (January 12, 2017).

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- 15. Respondent may seek federal judicial review of this Order pursuant to section 1448(a) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300j-7(a).
- 16. This Order is effective upon receipt by Respondent and will continue to be in effect until closed by the EPA.

Issued: September 27th, 2017.

James H. Eppers, Supervisory Attorney

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Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

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Arturo Palomares, Director

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U.S. EPA Small Business Resources Information Sheet

The United States Environmental Protection Agency provides an array of resources to help small businesses understand and comply with federal and state environmental laws. In addition to helping small businesses understand their environmental obligations and improve compliance, these resources will also help such businesses find cost-effective ways to comply through pollution prevention techniques and innovative technologies.

Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU)

www.epa.gov/aboutepa/about-officesmall-and-disadvantaged-businessutilization-osdbu

EPA's OSBBU advocates and advances business, regulatory, and environmental compliance concerns of small and socio-economically disadvantaged businesses.

EPA's Asbestos Small Business Ombudsman (ASBO)

www.epa.gov/resources-smallbusinesses/asbestos-small-businessombudsman or 1-800-368-5888

The EPA ASBO serves as a conduit for small businesses to access EPA and facilitates communications between the small business community and the Agency.

Small Business Environmental Assistance Program https://nationalsbeap.org

This program provides a "one-stop shop" for small businesses and assistance providers seeking information on a wide range of environmental topics and state-specific environmental compliance assistance resources.

EPA's Compliance Assistance Homepage

www.epa.gov/compliance

This page is a gateway to industry and statute-specific environmental resources, from extensive web-based information to hotlines and compliance assistance specialists.

Compliance Assistance Centers www.complianceassistance.net

EPA sponsored Compliance Assistance Centers provide information targeted to industries with many small businesses. They were developed in partnership with industry, universities and other federal and state agencies.

Agriculture

www.epa.gov/agriculture

Automotive Recycling www.ecarcenter.org

Automotive Service and Repair www.ccar-greenlink.org or 1-888-GRN-LINK

Chemical Manufacturing www.chemalliance.org

Construction www.cicacenter.org

Education www.campuserc.org

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Food Processing www.fpeac.org

Healthcare www.hercenter.org

Local Government www.lgean.org

Surface Finishing http://www.sterc.org

Paints and Coatings www.paintcenter.org

Printing www.pneac.org

Ports www.portcompliance.org

Transportation www.tercenter.org

U.S. Border Compliance and Import/Export Issues www.bordercenter.org

EPA Hotlines and Clearinghouses www.epa.gov/home/epa-hotlines

EPA sponsors many free hotlines and clearinghouses that provide convenient assistance regarding environmental requirements. Examples include:

Clean Air Technology Center (CATC) Info-line

www.epa.gov/catc or 1-919-541-0800

Superfund, TRI, EPCRA, RMP, and Oil Information Center 1-800-424-9346

EPA Imported Vehicles and Engines Public Helpline

www.epa.gov/otaq/imports or 1-734-214-4100

National Pesticide Information Center www.npic.orst.edu or 1-800-858-7378

National Response Center Hotline to report oil and hazardous substance spills - http://nrc.uscg.mil or 1-800-424-8802

Pollution Prevention Information Clearinghouse (PPIC) -

www.epa.gov/p2/pollution-prevention-resources#ppic or 1-202-566-0799

Safe Drinking Water Hotline - www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-

water/safe-drinking-water-hotline or 1-800-426-4791

Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Hotline

tsca-hotline@epa.gov or 1-202-554-1404

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Small Entity Compliance Guides

https://www.epa.gov/reg-flex/small-entity-compliance-guides

EPA publishes a Small Entity Compliance Guide (SECG) for every rule for which the Agency has prepared a final regulatory flexibility analysis, in accordance with Section 604 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA).

Regional Small Business Liaisons

www.epa.gov/resources-small-businesses/epa-regional-office-small-business-liaisons

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regional Small Business Liaison (RSBL) is the primary regional contact and often the expert on small business assistance, advocacy, and outreach. The RSBL is the regional voice for the EPA Asbestos and Small Business Ombudsman (ASBO).

State Resource Locators

www.envcap.org/statetools

The Locators provide state-specific contacts, regulations and resources covering the major environmental laws.

State Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs (SBEAPs)

https://nationalsbeap.org/states/list

State SBEAPs help small businesses and assistance providers understand environmental requirements and sustainable business practices through workshops, trainings and site visits.

EPA's Tribal Portal

www.epa.gov/tribalportal

The Portal helps users locate tribal-related information within EPA and other federal agencies.

EPA Compliance Incentives

EPA provides incentives for environmental compliance. By participating in compliance assistance programs or voluntarily disclosing and promptly correcting violations before an enforcement action has been initiated, businesses may be eligible for penalty waivers or reductions. EPA has two such policies that may apply to small businesses:

EPA's Small Business Compliance Policy

www.epa.gov/enforcement/small-businesses-and-enforcement

EPA's Audit Policy

www.epa.gov/compliance/epas-audit-policy

Commenting on Federal Enforcement Actions and Compliance Activities

The Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA) established a SBREFA Ombudsman and 10 Regional Fairness Boards to receive comments from small businesses about federal agency enforcement actions. If you believe that you fall within the Small Business Administration's definition of a small business (based on your North American Industry Classification System designation, number of employees or annual receipts, as defined at 13 C.F.R. 121.201; in most cases, this means a business with 500 or fewer employees), and wish to comment on federal enforcement and compliance activities, call the SBREFA Ombudsman's toll-free number at 1-888-REG-FAIR (1-888-734-3247).

Every small business that is the subject of an enforcement or compliance action is entitled to comment on the Agency's actions without fear of retaliation. EPA employees are prohibited from using enforcement or any other means of retaliation against any member of the regulated community in response to comments made under SBREFA.

Your Duty to Comply

If you receive compliance assistance or submit a comment to the SBREFA Ombudsman or Regional Fairness Boards, you still have the duty to comply with the law, including providing timely responses to EPA information requests, administrative or civil complaints, other enforcement actions or communications. The assistance information and comment processes do not give you any new rights or defenses in any enforcement action. These processes also do not affect EPA's obligation to protect public health or the environment under any of the environmental statutes it enforces, including the right to take emergency remedial or emergency response actions when appropriate. Those decisions will be based on the facts in each situation. The SBREFA Ombudsman and Fairness Boards do not participate in resolving EPA's enforcement actions. Also, remember that to preserve your rights, you need to comply with all rules governing the enforcement process.

EPA is disseminating this information to you without making a determination that your business or organization is a small business as defined by Section 222 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act or related provisions.