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The Honorable Rusty Stafne, Chairman
Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes
P.O. Box 1027
Poplar, Montana 59255-1027

The Honorable Greg Norgaard, Mayor
City of Poplar
406 2nd Avenue West
Poplar, Montana 59255

Re: **Closure of Emergency Order**
Docket No. SDWA-08-2013-0035
City of Poplar, 083090051
A&S Rural Water System, 083090050

Dear Chairman Stafne and Mayor Norgaard:

On June 11, 2013, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), issued an Emergency Administrative Order (Order) to the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes and the City of Poplar. The Order was issued following a loss of pressure in the community of Poplar and core pipeline associated with the Assiniboine and Sioux Rural Water Supply System (A&SRWSS).

All requirements of the Order have been met, although we remain concerned about the lack of a substantive communication plan between the Tribes and City. We hope you will both strive to work together during future emergencies and notify one another promptly when conditions in your water systems may impact one another.

If either you or your staff has questions regarding the emergency or our Order, please do not hesitate to contact me at (406) 457-5025, or Sienna Meredith at (406) 457-5026.

Sincerely,

Julie DalSoglio, Director
EPA Region 8, Montana Office



cc: Shane Halverson, Public Works Director, City of Poplar
Tom Escarcega, Director, A&SRWSS
Louis Beauchamps, Head Operator, A&SRWSS

Tina Artemis, EPA Regional Hearing Clerk