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Leroy Spang, President
Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council
P.O. Box 128
Lame Deer, MT 59043

RE: Emergency Administrative Order
Addendum
Docket No. SDWA-08-2010-0013
Birney Water System, 083090062
Muddy Cluster Water System,
083090065

Dear President Spang:

As you are aware, EPA issued an Emergency Administrative Order (EAO) to the Northern Cheyenne Utilities Commission on January 14, 2010 following loss of water pressure in the communities of Birney and Muddy Cluster. This letter serves as follow up to phone notification on February 25 that coliform sampling requirements may be reduced from weekly to monthly. Barbara Burkland also conveyed to Winslow Whitecrane on March 4, 2010, that the boil order in Birney could be lifted.

Paragraph 24 of the EAO requires that, within 7 days of issuance of the EAO, the Utilities Commission shall "report in writing to EPA, the known or suspected cause of the loss of pressure events and what measures will be taken to prevent a reoccurrence of these problems." EPA appreciates the cooperation of Mr. Whitecrane and his operators in development of a list of repairs needed at the two systems. Much of the repair work has been completed, which is greatly appreciated. EPA will continue to review progress on the remaining items and will likely close the EAO once critical repairs are complete.

The updates required in paragraph 25 of the EAO may be discontinued, but please do not hesitate to call if you have concerns that you think EPA could assist with.


I would also like to let you know that EPA has recognized the need for on site assistance to help operators understand how to maintain the drinking water systems on the Northern



Cheyenne Reservation. This week EPA will be providing a three day class on your water systems for the staff of the Northern Cheyenne Utilities Commission. This will be excellent training, unique to your facilities and provided at no cost. I hope you will encourage staff to be present.

Should you have any questions about these or other requirements of the EAO, you may contact Barbara Burkland in the EPA Montana Office, who can be reached at (406) 457-5009, or your attorney may contact Amy Swanson, Enforcement Attorney, who can be reached at (303) 312-6906.

Sincerely,

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