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Richard Opper, Director
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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Docket No. **SDWA-08-2009-0008**
Mountain Sky Guest Ranch
Public Water System
5060 Hwy 89 S
Livingston, MT 59047
PWS ID# MT0002824

Dear Mr. Opper:

The above referenced public drinking water system has violated certain provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act (the Act), 42 U.S.C. § 300f, et seq. and the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations at 40 C.F.R. part 141. The violations consist of failure to monitor for bacteriological quality, failure to monitor for nitrate, failure to provide public notice, and failure to notify the State of the violations. Our records, obtained from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's Public Water Supply Online Query Reports, indicate the violations noted below. Please have your staff notify Kimberly Pardue Welch at (303) 312-6983 within 20 days if your records show any discrepancies with these determinations of violation.

<u>Date of Violation</u>	<u>Violation</u>
September 2003, September 2004, June 2005, September 2005, July 2006, August 2006, September 2006, June 2007, July 2007, September 2007, June 2008, and July 2008	Failure to monitor for bacteriological quality. [40 C.F.R. § 141.21(a) and ARM Chapter 38, Sub-Chapter 2, Section 17.38.215(1)(b)]
2003, 2004, 2006, and 2007	Failure to monitor for nitrate. [40 C.F.R. § 141.23(d)]
2004 - 2008	Failure to notify public of above referenced 2003, 2005 and 2007 total coliform failure to monitor and all nitrate violations. [40 C.F.R. § 141.201]
2003 - 2008	Failure to report the above-referenced violations to the State. [40 C.F.R. §§ 141.21(g)(2) and 141.31(b)]

This Notice of Violation is issued pursuant to section 1414(a) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(a). If the State does not commence appropriate enforcement action within 30 days from the receipt of this notification, EPA is authorized either to issue an Administrative Order under section 1414(g) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g) requiring the public water system to comply with the regulations or requirements, or to commence civil action under section 1414(b) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(b).

Please inform EPA of any change in the compliance status of this system. You may wish to have your staff confer with Ms. Pardue Welch to determine the Agency's position concerning this system and to exchange appropriate information. If the State does not commence appropriate enforcement action within 30 days from the receipt of the notification, EPA will proceed with issuance of an administrative order.

A copy of this Notice of Violation has been concurrently sent to the system identified above. Also enclosed for the benefit of the System is a copy of EPA's Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act (SBREFA) fact sheet containing information on compliance assistance resources and tools available to small businesses. EPA has agreed to notify small businesses of their right to comment on regulatory enforcement activities at the same time of an Agency enforcement action. SBREFA does not eliminate the responsibility to comply with the Act.

Sincerely,



Diane L. Sipe, Director
Technical Enforcement Program
Office of Enforcement, Compliance
and Environmental Justice



David J. Iank, Director
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Enclosure:

SBREFA fact sheet

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