

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY **REGION 8**

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CERTIFIED MAIL LETTER RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Carbon County Commissioners c/o Terry Weickum, Chairman P.O. Box 6 Rawlins, WY 82301

> Re: Notice of Safe Drinking Water Act

> > **Enforcement Action against**

Cody Resources LP PWS ID #WY5600334

Dear Commissioners:

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) notify locally elected officials of certain enforcement actions taken in their area.

EPA has issued an Administrative Order (Order) to Cody Resources LP, located in Encampment, Wyoming, directing it to comply with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations. The violations alleged in the Order include: failing to monitor the water for total coliform; failing to monitor the water for nitrate; and failing to report these violations to EPA.

For more details, a copy of the Order is enclosed. The Order does not require any response or action by the County Commission. If you have any questions regarding this Order, please contact Shawn McCaffrey at (303) 312-6515.

Sincerely,

Darcy O'Connor, Acting Director Technical Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance

and Environmental Justice

Enclosure

Order



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Diane Wallach, Registered Agent Cody Resources LP 3575 Cherry Creek North Drive Denver, CO 80209

Re: Administrative Order

Docket No. SDWA-08-2010-0041

A Bar A Ranch Public Water System PWS ID# WY5600334

Dear Ms. Wallach:

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 Cody Resources LP (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 Cody Resources LP 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 Peggy Livingston, Senior Enforcement Attorney, who may be reached at the above address (with the mailcode 8ENF-L) or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6858 or (303) 312-6858.

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) Justin Howe, General Manager Tim Vogelzang, Cody Resources LP

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IN THE MATTER OF:	EPA REGION VIII
	Docket No. SDWA-08-2010-0041
Cody Resources LP,)
) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
Respondent.)

- 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. Cody Resources LP (Respondent) is a Limited Partnership company under Colorado law that owns and/or operates A Bar A Ranch Water System (the system), which provides piped water to the public in Carbon County, Wyoming, for human consumption.
- 3. The system is supplied by a ground water source consisting of three wells, two of which are treated with chlorination.
- 4. The system has approximately 33 service connections and/or regularly serves at least 150 individuals daily at least 60 days 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 for total coliform bacteria during the 2nd (April – June) and 3rd (July – September) quarters of each year. 40 C.F.R. § 141.21. Respondent failed to monitor the system's water for total coliform bacteria during the 2nd quarter of 2009, and, therefore, violated this requirement.

- 8. Respondent is required to monitor the system's water annually for nitrate by taking a minimum of one sample at every entry point to the distribution system which is representative of each well after treatment. 40 C.F.R. § 141.23(a)(1). Respondent failed to monitor the system's water for nitrate during 2009 at sampling point number one (Tee House), and, therefore, violated this requirement. Respondent did sample for nitrate at sampling point number two (Show Barn Bath) on October 14, 2009.
- 9. 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 violation cited in paragraph 7, above, and, therefore, violated this requirement.
- 10. Respondent is required to report any failure to comply with any of the drinking water regulations to EPA within 48 hours (except where a different reporting period is specified in the drinking water regulations). 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b). Respondent failed to report the violation listed in paragraph 8, above, to 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):

- 11. Respondent shall monitor the system's water for total coliform bacteria during the 2nd and 3rd quarter of each year, 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).
- 12. Within 30 days of opening for the 2010 season, and per the regulations thereafter, Respondent shall monitor the system's water annually for nitrate by taking a minimum of one sample at every entry point to the distribution system which is representative of each well after treatment. 40 C.F.R. § 141.23(a)(1). 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 notify EPA within 48 hours of any violation of the nitrate monitoring requirements, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b).
- 13. 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

- 14. 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.
- 15. 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: 404 3, , 2010.

David Rochlin, Supervisory Attorney Legal Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

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