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Ms. Holli M. Jones, Registered Agent
Meadowlark Lake Lodge, LLC
southfork@vcn.com

Re: Administrative Order issued to Meadowlark Lake Lodge, LLC, regarding Meadowlark Lake Lodge Public Water System, PWS ID #WY5600688, Docket No. **SDWA-08-2021-0016**

Dear Ms. Jones:

Enclosed is an Administrative Order (Order) issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 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 Meadowlark Lake Lodge, LLC (Respondent), as owner and/or operator of the Meadowlark Lake Lodge Public Water System (System), has violated the EPA's drinking water regulations at 40 C.F.R. part 141 (Part 141). The EPA is issuing this Order because our previous compliance assurance efforts have not been effective in returning the System to compliance with Part 141.

The Order is effective upon the date received. If you comply with the Order, the EPA may close the Order without further action. Please review the Order and within 10 business days provide the EPA with any pertinent information you believe the EPA may not have (*e.g.*, any monitoring that may have been done but not submitted, any updates to the number of service connections or individuals served). If the EPA does not hear from you, the EPA will assume this information is correct. Failure to comply with the Order may trigger immediate action by the EPA, including a complaint seeking administrative penalties. The complaint may lead to assessment of civil penalties of up to \$59,017 (as adjusted for inflation) per day of violation, a federal court injunction ordering compliance, or both.

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 entities, in case these are relevant. SBREFA does not eliminate the responsibility to comply with the Order or Part 141. Also enclosed are several templates and fact sheets to assist you in addressing the outstanding violations.

Please be aware that you are required to submit to the EPA a plan and schedule for bringing the System into compliance with Part 141. The EPA's approval of your schedule does not substitute for any other approval that may be required by any other governmental entity for modifying the System. The EPA encourages you to contact any such governmental agency or agencies regarding any applicable approval requirements.

The EPA acknowledges that the COVID-19 pandemic may be impacting your business. If the Meadowlark Lake Lodge, LLC has specific COVID-19 issues that would affect the timeframes listed herein, please contact Steven Latino via email at latino.steven@epa.gov or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6440, or (303) 312-6440 within 10 business days of issuance of this Order. The EPA may, in its discretion, consider granting an extension.

If you have any questions or to discuss this Order with the EPA, please contact Steven Latino at the email and phone number provided above. Any questions from your attorney should be directed to Mia Bearley, Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, 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,

**COLLEEN
RATHBONE**

Colleen Rathbone, Chief
Water Enforcement Branch

Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

Digitally signed by
COLLEEN RATHBONE

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Enclosures

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