



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 8, MONTANA OFFICE  
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Tracy King, President  
Fort Belknap Indian Community  
R.R. 1, Box 66  
Harlem, MT 59526

Margaret Nicholson, Director  
Prairie Mountain Utilities  
164 Agency Main St.  
Fort Belknap Agency, MT 59526

RE: **Closure of Emergency Order**  
Docket No. SDWA-08-2010-0002  
Hays White Cow Water System  
PWS ID 083090044

Dear President King and Ms. Nicholson:

EPA issued an Emergency Order to the Ft. Belknap Indian Community and Prairie Mountain Utilities on October 6, 2009, due to contamination of the water system with E. coli bacteria. Prairie Mountain Utilities (PMU) has met the requirements of the Emergency Order and there have been no subsequent unsatisfactory coliform samples; EPA is therefore closing the Order.

It is essential that this system remain under continuous disinfection to prevent a reoccurrence. The chlorine pump in the Star Hill pump house fails to operate properly at times. Fortunately, PMU staff are making frequent visits to the pump house and have been able to make repairs in a timely manner. PMU would like to purchase a different type of pump as soon as possible and I hope you will support this effort.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this Order, please contact Barbara Burkland at (406) 457-5009 extension. If you are represented by an attorney, please ask your attorney to call Amy Swanson at (303)312-6906.

Sincerely,

Julie DalSoglio, Director  
EPA Region 8 Montana Office

