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<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Clifford Serawop, Superintendent Bureau of Indian Affairs P.O. Box 69 Crow Agency, Montana 59022

Re: Administrative Order Addendum, Crow Agency Water System, Bureau of Indian Affairs, PWS ID #08309011; Docket # SDWA-08-2019-0012

Dear Mr. Serawop:

This letter is an addendum to the Emergency Administrative Order (Order) referenced above, which was issued on March 15, 2019, to the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) concerning the Crow Agency Public Water System (System).

This letter approves the following schedule for corrective actions. The schedule is hereby incorporated into the Order, per paragraph 18 (page 3) of the Order.

Action Completion Date

Isolate the abandoned tribal administration	March 16, 2019 (reported as completed)
building.	
Increase disinfectant dose at the BIA water	March 18, 2019 (reported as completed)
treatment plant	
Locate and shut off any other abandoned	May 30, 2019
service connections in Crow Agency	
Permanently cap the two-service line to the	June 15, 2019
abandoned tribal administration building.	
Repair tank level control and telemetry system	July 31, 2019
to ensure operators can see tank levels on the	
control screens at the System's two water	
plants and complete all other corrective actions.	

Within 10 days after completing all tasks included in this schedule, the BIA is to notify the EPA of the project's completion by the final date specified in the approved schedule. The EPA is authorized to seek penalties if these deadlines are not met. If the BIA has a reasonable basis to believe it may be unable to

meet any deadline in the schedule, it shall notify the EPA well in advance of the scheduled deadline to request an extension. The EPA may, in its discretion, consider granting an extension.

This letter also confirms the following:

- (1) The requirement of paragraph 21 of the Order to flush and disinfect the System within 24 hours of completing corrective action is no longer in effect. It is our understanding that the System flushed and disinfected the System on March18, 2019.
- (2) Because samples taken on April 15, and 16 2019 were reported as being negative for coliform bacteria, the boil order, provision of an alternative supply, and daily total coliform sampling referenced in paragraphs 14, 16, and 23, respectively, of the Order are no longer required.

As a reminder, the BIA remains obligated to provide the EPA with weekly updates under paragraph 27 of the Order and to comply with the requirements of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations, e.g., monthly coliform sampling under 40 C.F.R. § 141.855 and additional and repeat sampling under 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.402 and 141.858 in the event of a total coliform-positive result.

Please contact Christina Carballal, Environmental Engineer, at (303) 312-6046 or via email at <u>carballal-broome.christina@epa.gov</u> if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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