

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 8

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Ref: 8ENF-W

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Harry Washut, Registered Agent Buffalo Valley Resort, Inc. 11 Carriage Lane Dubois, Wyoming 82513

Jamie Mackay, Registered Agent Teton Range Resort, LLC 2780 North Moose Wilson Road Wilson, Wyoming 83014

Re: Administrative Order issued to Buffalo Valley Resort, Inc., Jamie Mackay, and Teton Range Resort, LLC, owners and/or operators of the Teton Range Resort Public Water System, Wyoming, PWS ID # WY5600682, Docket No. **SDWA-08-2015=0041**

Dear Mr. Washut and Mr. Mackay:

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 Buffalo Valley Resort, Inc., Jamie Mackay, and Teton Range Resort, LLC, (Respondents) as owners and/or operators of the Teton Range Resort Public Water System (System), have violated the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (Drinking Water Regulations) at 40 C.F.R. part 141.

The Order is effective upon the date received. Please review the Order and within 10 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 significant deficiencies that have been corrected, etc.). If the EPA does not hear from you, the EPA will assume this information is correct.

If the System complies with the Order, the 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.



The Order requires the System to notify the public of having violated the Drinking Water Regulations. Enclosed please find a public notice template explaining the public notice requirements in more detail.

To submit information or request an informal conference with the EPA, please contact Olive Hofstader at the above address (with the mailcode 8ENF-W), by email at hofstader.olive@epa.gov, or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6467, or (303) 312-6467. Any questions from the System's attorney should be directed to Mia Bearley, Enforcement Attorney, who may be reached at the above address (with the mailcode 8ENF-L), by email at hofstader.olive@epa.gov, or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6554, or (303) 312-6554.

Sincerely

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Arturo Palomares, Director

Water Technical Enforcement Program
Office of Enforcement, Compliance
and Environmental Justice

Enclosures:

Order

SBREFA Information Sheet Public Notice Template

cc: WY DEQ/DOH (via email)

Tina Artemis, EPA Regional Hearing Clerk



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

Teton County Commissioners c/o Barbara Allen, Vice Chairwoman P.O. Box 3594 Jackson, WY 83001

Re: Notice of Safe Drinking Water Act Enforcement Action against Teton Range Resort Public Water System, PWS ID # WY5600682

Dear Commissioners:

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

An Administrative Order (Order) is being issued to Teton Range Resort, LLC, Buffalo Valley Resort, Inc., and Jamie Mackay, which own and/or operate the Teton Range Resort Public Water System located in Teton County, WY, directing them to comply with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations. The violations alleged in the Order include: failure to monitor for nitrate and total coliform bacteria.

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 Olive Hofstader at (303) 312-6467.

Sincerely.

Arturo Palomares, Director

Water/Technical Enforcement Program

Office of Enforcement, Compliance

and Environmental Justice

Enclosure:

Administrative Order



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IN THE MATTER OF:		Dealest Na		FILED
Buffalo Valley Resort, Inc.,		Docket No.	SDWA-08-2015-0041	EPA REGION VIII HEARING CLERK
Teton Range Resort, LLC, and)	ADMINIST	RATIVE ORDER	
Jamie Mackay)			
Respondents.	_)			

- 1. This Order is issued under the authority vested in the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by section 1414(g) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (Act), 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g), as properly delegated to the undersigned officials.
- 2. Buffalo Valley Resort, Inc., (Respondent) is a Wyoming corporation that owns or operates the Teton Range Resort Water System (the System), which provides piped water to the public in Teton County, Wyoming, for human consumption.
- 3. Teton Range Resort, LLC, (Respondent) is a Wyoming corporation that owns or operates the System.
- 4. Jamie Mackay (Respondent) is an individual who owns or operates the System.
- 5. Buffalo Valley Resort, Inc., Teton Range Resort, LLC, and Jamie Mackay are collectively referred to as "Respondents."
- 6. The System is supplied by a groundwater source accessed by one well. The System's water is disinfected.
- 7. The System has approximately 150 service connections and regularly serves an average of approximately 500 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year. Therefore, the System is a "public water system" as defined in section 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.
- 8. Respondents are 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 section 1414(i) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(i).

VIOLATIONS

- 9. Respondents are required to monitor the System's water quarterly for total coliform bacteria. 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(a). Respondents failed to monitor the System's water for total coliform bacteria during the 4th quarter (October December) of 2013, and, therefore, violated this requirement.
- 10. Respondents are required to monitor the System's water annually at each entry point to the distribution system for nitrate. 40 C.F.R. § 141.23(d). Respondents failed to monitor the System's water for nitrate during 2014, and, therefore, violated this requirement.
- 11. Respondents are required to notify the public of certain violations of the Drinking Water Regulations. 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.201 *et seq.* Respondents did not notify the public of the violation cited in paragraph 9 above and, therefore, violated this requirement.
- 12. Respondents are required to report any failure to comply with any coliform monitoring requirement to the EPA within 10 days after discovering the violation. 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2). Respondents failed to report the violations cited in paragraph 9, above, to the EPA and, therefore, violated this requirement.
- 13. Respondents are required to report any failure to comply with any Drinking Water Regulation to the EPA within 48 hours (except where the Drinking Water Regulations specify a different time period). 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b). Respondents failed to report the violations cited in paragraph 10 above, to the EPA and, therefore, violated this requirement.

ORDER

Based on the above violations, Respondents are ordered to perform the following actions upon Respondents' receipt of this Order (unless a different deadline is specified below):

- 14. Respondents shall monitor the System's water quarterly for total coliform bacteria and, if any sample is positive for total coliform, conduct repeat and additional routine monitoring, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.21. Respondents shall report analytical results to the EPA within the first 10 days following the month in which Respondents receives sample results, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(a). Respondents shall report any violation of coliform monitoring requirements in 40 C.F.R. part 141 to the EPA within 10 days after discovering the violation, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2).
- 15. Within 30 days after receipt of this Order, and as required by the Drinking Water Regulations thereafter, Respondents shall monitor the System's water for nitrate at each entry point to the distribution system (3 total). 40 C.F.R. § 141.23. Respondents shall report analytical results to the EPA within the first 10 days following the month in which Respondents received sample results, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(a). Respondents shall report any violation of the nitrate monitoring requirements to the EPA within 48 hours of the violation occurring, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b).

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- 16. Within 30 days of receipt of this Order, Respondents shall notify the public of the violation cited in paragraph 9 above, as required by 40 C.F.R. part 141, subpart Q. Thereafter, following any future violation of the Drinking Water Regulations, Respondents shall comply with the applicable public notice provisions of 40 C.F.R. part 141, subpart Q. Within 10 days of providing public notice, Respondents shall submit a copy of the notice to the EPA.
- 17. Respondents shall report any violation of the Drinking Water Regulations to the EPA within 48 hours of the violation occurring or, if another time period for reporting is specified in the Drinking Water Regulations, within that other time period.
- 18. This Order shall be binding on Respondents, its assigns, and any person (e.g., employee, contractor, or other agent) acting in concert with Respondents.
- 19. If Respondents (a) lease or sell the System to another person or entity, or (b) contract with or hire any other person or entity to operate the System, Respondents shall, no later than the date of such lease, sale, or other contract, provide a copy of this Order to the lessee, purchaser, or contractor. No later than 10 days thereafter, Respondents shall notify the EPA in writing of the lease, sale, or other contract, with such notification to include the name and contact information of the person who has leased, bought, or contracted to operate the System. Respondents shall remain obligated to comply with this Order even if Respondents lease the System to another person or entity or hire another person or entity to operate the System.
- 20. Respondents 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

- 21. This Order shall 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 the EPA to forgo any civil or criminal action.
- 22. Violation of any part of this Order or the Drinking Water Regulations may subject Respondents 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.

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- 23. Respondents may seek federal judicial review of this Order pursuant to section 1448(a) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300j-7(a).
- 24. This Order is effective upon receipt by Respondents and will continue to be in effect until closed by the EPA.

Issued: 015.

James H. Eppers, Supervisory Attorney

Legal Enforcement Program

Office of Enforcement, Compliance

and Environmental Justice

Artugo Palomares, Director

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U.S. EPA Small Business Resources Information Sheet

The United States Environmental Protection Agency provides an array of resources to help small businesses understand and comply with federal and state environmental laws. In addition to helping small businesses understand their environmental obligations and improve compliance, these resources will also help such businesses find cost-effective ways to comply through pollution prevention techniques and innovative technologies.

Small Business Programs

www.epa.gov/smallbusiness EPA's Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP) advocates and fosters opportunities for direct and indirect partnerships, contracts, and sub-agreements for small businesses and socio-economically disadvantaged businesses.

EPA's Asbestos Small Business Ombudsman

www.epa.gov/sbo or 1-800-368-5888 The EPA Asbestos and Small Business Ombudsman (ASBO) serves as a conduit for small businesses to access EPA and facilitates communications between the small business community and the Agency.

EPA's Compliance Assistance Homepage

www2.epa.gov/compliance This page is a gateway industry and statute-specific environmental resources, from extensive webbased information to hotlines and compliance assistance specialists.

EPA's Compliance Assistance Centers

www.assistancecenters.net **EPA's Compliance Assistance Centers** provide information targeted to industries with many small businesses. They were developed in partnership with industry, universities and other federal and state agencies.

Agriculture

www.epa.gov/agriculture/

Automotive Recycling

www.ecarcenter.org

Automotive Service and Repair ccar-greenlink.org/ or 1-888-GRN-

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Chemical Manufacturing

www.chemalliance.org

Construction

www.cicacenter.org or 1-734-995-4911

Education

www.campuserc.org

Food Processing

www.fpeac.org

Healthcare

www.hercenter.org

Local Government

www.lgean.org

Metal Finishing

www.nmfrc.org

Paints and Coatings

www.paintcenter.org

Printing

www.pneac.org

Ports

www.portcompliance.org

Transportation

www.tercenter.org

U.S. Border Compliance and Import/Export Issues

www.bordercenter.org

EPA Hotlines, Helplines and Clearinghouses

www2.epa.gov/home/epahotlines EPA sponsors many free hotlines and clearinghouses that provide convenient assistance regarding environmental requirements. Some examples are:

Clean Air Technology Center (CATC) Info-line

www.epa.gov/ttn/catc or 1-919-541-

Superfund, TRI, EPCRA, RMP and Oil Information Center

www.epa.gov/superfund/contacts/ infocenter/index.htm or 1-800-424-9346

EPA Imported Vehicles and Engines Public Helpline

www.epa.gov/otaq/imports or 734-214-4100

National Pesticide Information

www.npic.orst.edu/ or 1-800-858-7378

National Response Center

Hotline to report oil and hazardous substance spills - www.nrc.uscg.mil or 1-800-424-8802

Pollution Prevention Information Clearinghouse (PPIC) - www.epa.

gov/opptintr/ppic or 1-202-566-0799

Safe Drinking Water Hotline -

www.epa.gov/drink/hotline/index.cfm or 1-800-426-4791

Small Business Resources

Stratospheric Ozone Protection Hotline

www.epa.gov/ozone/comments.htm or 1-800-296-1996

Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Hotline tsca-hotline@epa.gov or 1-202-554-1404

Small Entity Compliance Guides

http://www.epa.gov/sbrefa/compliance-guides.html EPA publishes a Small Entity Compliance Guide (SECG) for every rule for which the Agency has prepared a final regulatory flexibility analysis, in accordance with Section 604 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA).

Regional Small Business Liaisons

http://www.epa.gov/sbo/rsbl.htm

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regional Small Business Liaison (RSBL) is the primary regional contact and often the expert on small business assistance, advocacy, and outreach. The RSBL is the regional voice for the EPA Asbestos and Small Business Ombudsman (ASBO).

State Resource Locators

www.envcap.org/statetools

The Locators provide state-specific contacts, regulations and resources covering the major environmental laws.

State Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs (SBEAPs)

www.epa.gov/sbo/507program.htm

State SBEAPs help small businesses and assistance providers understand environmental requirements and sustainable business practices through workshops, trainings and site visits.

EPA's Tribal Portal

www.epa.gov/tribalportal/

The Portal provides access to information on environmental issues, laws, and resources related to federally recognized tribes.

EPA Compliance Incentives

EPA provides incentives for environmental compliance. By participating in compliance assistance programs or voluntarily disclosing and promptly correcting violations before an enforcement action has been initiated, businesses may be eligible for penalty waivers or reductions. EPA has two such policies that may apply to small businesses:

EPA's Small Business Compliance Policy

www2.epa.gov/enforcement/small-businesses-and-enforcement This Policy offers small businesses special incentives to come into compliance voluntarily.

EPA's Audit Policy

www2.epa.gov/compliance/epas-audit-policy The Policy provides incentives to all businesses that voluntarily discover, promptly disclose and expeditiously correct their noncompliance.

Commenting on Federal Enforcement Actions and Compliance Activities

The Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA) established a SBREFA Ombudsman and 10 Regional Fairness Boards to receive comments from small businesses about federal agency enforcement actions. If you believe that you fall within the Small Business Administration's definition of a small business (based on your North American Industry Classification System designation, number of employees or annual receipts, as defined at 13 C.F.R. 121.201; in most cases, this means a business with 500 or fewer employees), and wish to comment on federal enforcement and compliance activities, call the SBREFA Ombudsman's toll-free number at 1-888-REG-FAIR (1-888-734-3247).

Every small business that is the subject of an enforcement or compliance action is entitled to comment on the Agency's actions without fear of retaliation. EPA employees are prohibited from using enforcement or any other means of retaliation against any member of the regulated community in response to comments made under SBREFA.

Your Duty to Comply

If you receive compliance assistance or submit a comment to the SBREFA Ombudsman or Regional Fairness Boards, you still have the duty to comply with the law, including providing timely responses to EPA information requests, administrative or civil complaints, other enforcement actions or communications. The assistance information and comment processes do not give you any new rights or defenses in any enforcement action. These processes also do not affect EPA's obligation to protect public health or the environment under any of the environmental statutes it enforces, including the right to take emergency remedial or emergency response actions when appropriate. Those decisions will be based on the facts in each situation. The SBREFA Ombudsman and Fairness Boards do not participate in resolving EPA's enforcement actions. Also, remember that to preserve your rights, you need to comply with all rules governing the enforcement process.

EPA is disseminating this information to you without making a determination that your business or organization is a small business as defined by Section 222 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act or related provisions.