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HAND DELIVERY

June 6, 2018

Ms. Wanda Santiago
Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. EPA, Region I
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100
Boston, MA 02109-3912

Re: St. Onge's Hidden Country/EPA Docket No. SDWA-01-2018-0001

Dear Ms. Santiago:

Attached for filing in the above-referenced matter are an original and one copy of a Withdrawal of Administrative Complaint for the above-referenced matter. Also attached are an original and one copy of a Certificate of Service.

EPA has also sent copies of the Withdrawal of Administrative Complaint, the Certificate of Service, and this letter to the Respondent by First Class Mail.

Thank you for your assistance. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy M. Conway".

Timothy M. Conway
Senior Enforcement Counsel

Cc: Ken Rota
Joseph St. Onge

Enclosures:

1. Original and one copy of Withdrawal of Administrative Complaint
2. Certificate of Service and copy

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Withdrawal of Administrative Complaint has been sent to the following persons on the date and in the manner noted below:

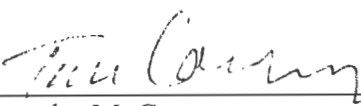
Original and one copy,
hand-delivered:

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Copy, by First Class Mail:

Joseph St. Onge
St. Onge's Hidden Country
201 Pope Road
Lowell, VT 05847

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**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 1 – NEW ENGLAND REGION**

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
)	Docket No. SDWA-01-2018-0001
)	
St. Onge’s Hidden Country)	WITHDRAWAL OF
201 Pope Road)	ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT
Lowell, Vermont)	
PWS ID No. VT002068)	
)	
Proceedings under Section 1414(g)(3))	
of the Safe Drinking Water Act,)	
42 U.S.C. 300g-3(g)(3))	
)	

I. STATUTORY AUTHORITY


1. On April 17, 2018, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1 (“EPA”) issued an Administrative Complaint and Notice of Opportunity to Request a Hearing (“Complaint”) under the authority vested in the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) pursuant to Section 1414(g)(3)(B) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (“SDWA” or “Act”), 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g)(3)(B), and delegated to the EPA Region 1 Regional Administrator, who has delegated such authority to the Director, Office of Environmental Stewardship (“OES”).

2. In the Complaint, EPA proposed, pursuant to Section 1414(g)(3)(B) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g)(3)(B), the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, and the subsequent Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment Rule (codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 19), and in accordance with the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, Issuance of Compliance or Corrective Action Orders, and the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits, 40 C.F.R. Part 22, that an administrative penalty be assessed against St. Onge’s Hidden Country (“Respondent”) for violation of Administrative Order issued to Respondent on September 14, 2017 pursuant to Section 1414(g) of the SDWA, and for additional violations incurred by the Respondent subsequent to the Administrative Order. All violations are with respect to compliance with the applicable requirements of the SDWA at the Respondent’s public water system located in Lowell, Vermont.

3. Respondent has not to date filed an Answer to EPA’s Complaint.

4. Subsequent to EPA's issuance of the Complaint, Respondent, in a letter received on May 21, 2018 by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation ("Vermont DEC"), formally notified Vermont DEC that Respondent had ceased its public water system operations. Respondent has not filed an answer to the EPA Complaint in this matter.
5. In response to Respondent's notification, the Vermont DEC, in a May 21, 2018 letter, suspended the requirements for Respondent's water system to submit routine water quality data for total coliform and bacteria, maintain a certified operator, and maintain compliance with a valid operating permit pursuant to public water system regulations until the restaurant is reopened.
6. Based on the foregoing, EPA, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.14(d) is withdrawing, without prejudice, the Complaint in this matter.

Date: 6/6/18



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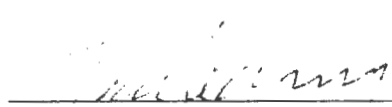
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