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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ron and Jodi Newkirk, Owners Arlington Outpost Arlington Route, HC 64 P.O. Box 95 McFadden, WY 82083

> 2nd Violation of Re:

> > Administrative Order

Docket No. SDWA-08-2009-0049

Arlington Outpost PWS ID #WY5600068

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Newkirk:

On June 16, 2009, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an Administrative Order (Order), Docket No. SDWA-08-2009-0049, ordering you (Respondents) as owners of the Arlington Outpost public water system, to comply with various regulations issued by EPA under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. section 300f et seg.

Our records indicate that you are in violation of the Order. Among other things, the Order included the following requirements (quoted from items 7 and 9 of the "Order" section on pages 2 and 3 of the Order):

1. Respondents shall monitor the system's water for nitrate as required by the drinking water regulations. 40 C.F.R. § 141.23(d). Respondents shall report analytical results to EPA within the first 10 days following the month in which sample results are received, as required by the drinking water regulations. 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(a).

Respondents failed to monitor nitrate during 2010.

2. Respondents shall report any violation of the drinking water requirements (except where a different reporting period is specified in the drinking water regulations) to EPA within 48 hours. 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b).

Respondents failed to report the violation in item #1 to EPA within 48 hours of learning of it.

EPA is considering additional enforcement action, including penalties as a result of the non-compliance with the Order. Violating an Administrative Order may lead to (1) a penalty of up to \$37,500 per day per violation of the Order, and/or (2) a court injunction ordering compliance.

If you have any questions or wish to have an informal conference with EPA, you may contact Kimberly Pardue Welch at 1-800-227-8917, extension 6983 or (303) 312-6983. If you are represented by an attorney who has questions, please ask your attorney to contact Amy Swanson, Enforcement Attorney, at 1-800-227-8917, extension 6906 or (303) 312-6906 or at the following address:

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We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Lisa Kahn, Team Leader Drinking Water Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

cc:

WY DEO/DOH (via email) Tina Artemis, EPA Regional Hearing Clerk