

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 8

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Honorable Kelly Krakow Mayor, Town of Albin P.O. Box 188 Albin, Wyoming 82050

Re: Administrative Order Violation letter #1, PWS ID #WY5600189, Docket No. SDWA-08-2014-0052

## Dear Mayor Krakow:

This is the first letter notifying the Town of Albin (Town) of noncompliance with the Administrative Order (Order) issued September 29, 2014, by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300f et seq.

Our records indicate that the Town is in violation of the Order. Among other things, the Order included the following requirements (see paragraph 15 of the Order restated below):

Respondent shall monitor the System's water for nitrate quarterly at every entry point to the distribution system until notified by the EPA in writing of a different monitoring schedule. 40 C.F.R. § 141.23(d). Respondent shall report analytical results to the EPA within the first 10 days following the month in which sample results are received. 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(a). Respondent 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).

Respondent failed to monitor the system's water for nitrate during the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters of 2015 and did not report the noncompliance to the EPA.

The EPA is considering additional enforcement action as a result of the Town's 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 the EPA's information appears incorrect and/or you have any questions, please contact Olive Hofstader at 1-800-227-8917, extension 6467, or (303) 312-6467, or by email at <a href="https://hofstader.olive@epa.gov">hofstader.olive@epa.gov</a>. If the Town is represented by an attorney who has questions, please ask the attorney to contact Mia Bearley, Enforcement Attorney, at 1-800-227-8917, extension 6554, or (303) 312-6554, or by email at bearley.mia@epa.gov or at the following address:

Mia Bearley, Enforcement Attorney U.S. EPA, Region 8 (8ENF-L) 1595 Wynkoop Street Denver, Colorado 80202-1129

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Pardue Welch, Team Leader Drinking Water Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

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cc: Aaron Anderson, Operator, Albin Public Water System Tina Artemis, EPA Regional Hearing Clerk WY DEQ/DOH (via email)