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Town of Baggs
c/o The Honorable Matt Howell, Mayor
Town of Baggs Public Water System
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Subj: Administrative Order Addendum regarding Town of Baggs Public Water System,
PWS ID #WY5600058, Docket No. SDWA-08-2025-0022

Dear Mayor Howell:

This is an Addendum to the Administrative Order (Order) issued to the Town of Baggs on June 13, 2025. The purpose of this letter is to approve the Town's July 12, 2025, schedule (Schedule) for coming into consistent compliance with the disinfection byproduct maximum contaminant levels (MCL) at the Town of Baggs Public Water System (Facility/System). The Schedule is hereby incorporated into the Order pursuant to paragraph 14 of the Order. Each milestone and deadline specified below is an enforceable provision of the Order.

<u>Milestone</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Projected Cost</u>
Contact Wyoming Association of Rural Water Systems	July 10, 2025 (reported as completed)	N/A
Employee cross-training to facilitate improved water quality, system maintenance, and reporting – per DEQ guidelines for water operators	July 10, 2025 (reported as completed)	N/A
Weekly sampling at water plant to optimize pre-treatment.	August 1, 2025	\$1000 / yr
Create interactive spreadsheet for storing daily readings and team viewing	August 1, 2025	N/A

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Optimize chlorine dosing	August 1, 2025	N/A
Create automated system reminders for sampling and reporting deadlines	August 1, 2025	N/A
Contact Engineer regarding scope of additional pre-treatment media filtration	August 1, 2025	\$10,000
Flush transmission line from water treatment plant to water tanks	August 15, 2025	N/A
Provide the EPA with quarterly progress reports	Ongoing, next due September 10, 2025. (Dec 10, Mar 10, etc.)	N/A
Update system flushing plan	October 1, 2025	N/A
<i>In the event the above process controls for managing DBPs are not successful at achieving compliance, the Town will submit a new timeline expanding on the below treatment changes. The following steps are contingent on approval from Town Council and Wyoming DEQ, and appropriate funding in Town's budget year 2026-2027.</i>		
Contact WY DEQ regarding planned system improvements	December 15, 2025	N/A
Project – Install pre-treatment media filtration	July 1 – October 1, 2026	\$50,000
Notify the EPA of construction completion. Complete PWS Inventory Change Form and submit to the EPA: https://www.epa.gov/region8-waterops/epa-r8-public-water-system-inventory-change-form .	December 1, 2026 (date will be adjusted if treatment changes are not determined to be necessary)	N/A

Within 10 calendar days of completing *all* steps included in the above Schedule, please notify the EPA of the project's completion as required by the Order. The Order also requires the Town to achieve and maintain compliance with the disinfection byproduct MCLs by the final date specified in the approved Schedule. The EPA is authorized to seek penalties if these deadlines are not met. If the Town has a reasonable basis to believe it may be unable to meet any deadline in the Schedule, it must notify the EPA well in advance of the scheduled deadline to request an extension. The EPA may, in its discretion, consider granting an extension.

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If you have any questions or to request an informal conference with the EPA, please contact Elizabeth Tyson via email at tyson.elizabeth@epa.gov, or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6646, or (303) 312-6646. Any questions from the Town's attorney should be directed to Mia Bearley, Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, via email at bearley.mia@epa.gov or by phone at (800) 227-8917, extension 6554, or (303) 312-6554.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Bohan, Director
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