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

The Honorable Harry Barnes, Chairman Blackfeet Tribe P.O. Box 850 Browning, Montana 59417

Mr. Brian Crawford, Director Blackfeet Solid Waste Management P.O. Box 527 Browning, Montana 59417

Re: Amended Emergency Administrative Order, Babb Water System, PWS ID #083090001, Docket # SDWA-08-2017-0012

Dear Chairman Barnes and Mr. Crawford:

This letter is in reference to the Amended Emergency Administrative Order (Order) issued on March 30, 2017, to the Blackfeet Solid Waste Management, as owner and/or operator of the Babb Water System (System). The purpose of this letter is to approve the May 5, 2017, schedule submitted by Brian Crawford, on behalf of the System, for coming into compliance with the *E. coli* maximum contaminant level. The schedule to install permanent chlorination by August 31, 2017, is hereby incorporated into the Order per paragraph 20 (page 3).

The System shall come into compliance with the *E. coli* maximum contaminant level by August 31, 2017, the final completion deadline in this approved schedule. The EPA is authorized to seek penalties, per paragraph 2 (page 1) of the Order, if this deadline is not met. If the System has a reasonable basis to believe it may be unable to meet the schedule, it shall notify the EPA well in advance of the scheduled deadline to request an extension. The EPA may, in its discretion, consider granting an extension. Please notify the EPA within 10 days after installing chlorination.

Please have the System contact Metea Wright, Environmental Protection Specialist, at (303) 312-6023 or via email at <a href="wright.metea@epa.gov">wright.metea@epa.gov</a> if it has any questions.

Sincerely,

James H. Eppers, Supervisory Attorney

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