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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Docket No. SDWA-08-2009-0002
Pryor Creek Bar, LLC
P.O. Box 247
Huntley, MT 59037
PWS ID# MT0002045

Dear Mr. Opper:

On March 18, 2008, EPA issued an Administrative Order, Docket No. SDWA-08-2008-0017 to Keith Wolff as the owner of Sam's Café Pryor Creek Bar water system. Recently EPA has learned that Pryor Creek Bar, LLC is the owner of the Pryor Creek Bar public water system. In light of this new information, EPA is closing the previous Administrative Order and is now issuing a new Notice of Violation to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality and will subsequently issue a new Administrative Order to Pryor Creek Bar, LLC.

The above referenced public drinking water system has violated certain provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. § 300f, *et seq.*, and the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations at 40 C.F.R. part 141. The violations at Pryor Creek Bar consist of failure to monitor for bacteriological quality, failure to provide public notice, and failure to notify the State of the violations. Our records, obtained from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's Public Water Supply Online Query Reports, indicate the violations noted below. Please have your staff notify Kimberly Pardue Welch at (303) 312-6983

within 20 days if your records show any discrepancies with these determinations of violation.

<u>Date of Violation</u>	<u>Violation</u>
3 rd quarter 2006, 4 th quarter 2006, 1 st quarter 2007, 3 rd quarter 2007, February 2008, May 2008, and August 2008	Failure to monitor for bacteriological quality. [40 C.F.R. § 141.21(a) and and ARM Chapter 38, Sub-Chapter 2, Section 17.38.215(1)(b)]
2007 – 2008	Failure to notify public of violations (for 3 rd and 4 th quarters 2006 and 1 st and 3 rd quarters 2007 failure to monitor total coliform violations). [40 C.F.R. § 141.201]
2006 - 2008	Failure to report the above-referenced violations to the State. [40 C.F.R. §141.21(g)(2) and 141.31(b)]


This Notice of Violation is issued pursuant to section 1414(a) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(a). If the State does not commence appropriate enforcement action within 30 days from the receipt of this notification, the EPA is authorized either to issue an Administrative Order under section 1414(g) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g), requiring the public water system to comply with the regulations or requirements, or to commence civil action under section 1414(b) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(b).


Please inform EPA of any change in the compliance status of this system. You may wish to have your staff confer with Ms. Pardue Welch to determine the Agency's position concerning this system and to exchange appropriate information. If the State does not commence appropriate enforcement action within 30 days from the receipt of the notification, EPA will proceed with issuance of an administrative order.

A copy of this Notice of Violation has been concurrently sent to the system identified above. Also enclosed for the benefit of the system is a copy of EPA's Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act (SBREFA) fact sheet containing information on compliance assistance resources and tools available to small businesses and small governments, in case these resources apply to this situation.

EPA has agreed to notify small businesses of their right to comment on regulatory enforcement activities at the same time of an Agency enforcement action. SBREFA does not eliminate the responsibility to comply with the Act.

Sincerely,


Diane L. Sipe, Director
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Office of Enforcement, Compliance
and Environmental Justice


David J. Janik, Director
Matt Cohn, Supervisory Attorney
Legal Enforcement Program
Office of Enforcement, Compliance
and Environmental Justice

cc:

Beverly Kudrna, Registered Agent (via Certified Mail w/ return receipt)
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Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance
INFORMATION SHEET

U. S. EPA Small Business Resources

If you own a small business, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) offers a variety of compliance assistance resources such as workshops, training sessions, hotlines, websites, and guides to assist you in complying with federal and state environmental laws. These resources can help you understand your environmental obligations, improve compliance, and find cost-effective ways to comply through the use of pollution prevention and other innovative technologies.

Compliance Assistance Centers

(www.assistancecenters.net)

In partnership with industry, universities, and other federal and state agencies, EPA has established Compliance Assistance Centers that provide information targeted to industries with many small businesses.

Agriculture

(www.epa.gov/agriculture or 1-888-663-2155)

Automotive Recycling Industry

(www.ecarcenter.org)

Automotive Service and Repair

(www.ccar-greenlink.org or 1-888-GRN-LINK)

Chemical Industry

(www.chemalliance.org)

Construction Industry

(www.cicacenter.org or 1-734-995-4911)

Education

(www.campuserc.org)

Healthcare Industry

(www.hercenter.org or 1-734-995-4911)

Metal Finishing

(www.nmfrc.org or 1-734-995-4911)

Paints and Coatings

(www.paintcenter.org or 1-734-995-4911)

Printed Wiring Board Manufacturing

(www.pwbrc.org or 1-734-995-4911)

Printing

(www.pneac.org or 1-888-USPNEAC)

Transportation Industry

(www.transource.org)

Tribal Governments and Indian Country

(www.epa.gov/tribal/compliance or 202-564-2516)

US Border Environmental Issues

(www.bordercenter.org or 1-734-995-4911)

The Centers also provide State Resource Locators (www.envcap.org/statetools/index.cfm) for a wide range of topics to help you find important environmental compliance information specific to your state.

EPA Websites

EPA has several Internet sites that provide useful compliance assistance information and materials for small businesses. If you don't have access to the Internet at your business, many public libraries provide access to the Internet at minimal or no cost.

EPA's Home Page

www.epa.gov

Small Business Gateway

www.epa.gov/smallbusiness

Compliance Assistance Home Page

www.epa.gov/compliance/assistance

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

www.epa.gov/compliance

Voluntary Partnership Programs

www.epa.gov/partners



Hotlines, Helplines & Clearinghouses

(www.epa.gov/epahome/hotline.htm)

EPA sponsors many free hotlines and clearinghouses that provide convenient assistance regarding environmental requirements. A few examples are listed below:

Clean Air Technology Center
(www.epa.gov/ttn/catc or 1-919-541-0800)

Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act
(www.epa.gov/superfund/resources/infocenter/epcra.htm or 1-800-424-9346)

EPA's Small Business Ombudsman Hotline provides regulatory and technical assistance information.
(www.epa.gov/sbo or 1-800-368-5888)

The National Environmental Compliance Assistance Clearinghouse provides quick access to compliance assistance tools, contacts, and planned activities from the U.S. EPA, states, and other compliance assistance providers
(www.epa.gov/clearinghouse)

National Response Center to report oil and hazardous substance spills.
(www.nrc.uscg.mil or 1-800-424-8802)

Pollution Prevention Information Clearinghouse
(www.epa.gov/opptintr/ppic or 1-202-566-0799)

Safe Drinking Water Hotline
(www.epa.gov/safewater/hotline/index.html or 1-800-426-4791)

Stratospheric Ozone Refrigerants Information
(www.epa.gov/ozone or 1-800-296-1996)

Toxics Assistance Information Service also includes asbestos inquiries.
(1-202-554-1404)

Wetlands Helpline
(www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/wetline.html or 1-800-832-7828)

State Agencies

Many state agencies have established compliance assistance programs that provide on-site and other types of assistance. Contact your local state environmental agency for more information or the following two resources:

EPA's Small Business Ombudsman
(www.epa.gov/sbo or 1-800-368-5888)

Small Business Environmental Homepage
(www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org or 1-724-452-4722)

Compliance Incentives

EPA provides incentives for environmental compliance. By participating in compliance assistance programs or voluntarily disclosing and promptly correcting violations before an enforcement action has been initiated,

businesses may be eligible for penalty waivers or reductions. EPA has two policies that potentially apply to small businesses:

The Small Business Compliance Policy
(www.epa.gov/compliance/incentives/smallbusiness)

Audit Policy
(www.epa.gov/compliance/incentives/auditing)

Commenting on Federal Enforcement Actions and Compliance Activities

The Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA) established an SBA Ombudsman and 10 Regional Fairness Boards to receive comments from small businesses about federal agency enforcement actions. If you believe that you fall within the Small Business Administration's definition of a small business (based on your North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) designation, number of employees, or annual receipts, defined at 13 C.F.R. 121.201, in most cases, this means a business with 500 or fewer employees), and wish to comment on federal enforcement and compliance activities, call the SBREFA Ombudsman's toll-free number at 1-888-REG-FAIR (1-888-734-3247).

Every small business that is the subject of an enforcement or compliance action is entitled to comment on the Agency's actions without fear of retaliation. EPA employees are prohibited from using enforcement or any other means of retaliation against any member of the regulated community in response to comments made under SBREFA.

Your Duty to Comply

If you receive compliance assistance or submit comments to the SBREFA Ombudsman or Regional Fairness Boards, you still have the duty to comply with the law, including providing timely responses to EPA information requests, administrative or civil complaints, other enforcement actions or communications. The assistance information and comment processes do not give you any new rights or defenses in any enforcement action. These processes also do not affect EPA's obligation to protect public health or the environment under any of the environmental statutes it enforces, including the right to take emergency remedial or emergency response actions when appropriate. Those decisions will be based on the facts in each situation. The SBREFA Ombudsman and Fairness Boards do not participate in resolving EPA's enforcement actions. Also, remember that to preserve your rights, you need to comply with all rules governing the enforcement process.

EPA is disseminating this information to you without making a determination that your business or organization is a small business as defined by Section 222 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act or related provisions.