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Honorable Leroy Spang, President  
Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council  
P.O. Box 128  
Lame Deer, MT 59043

Re: **Closure of Emergency Order**  
Docket No. SDWA-08-2012-0031  
Ashland Water System, 083090061  
Birney Water System, 083090062

Dear President Spang:

On June 29, 2012, the EPA issued an Emergency Administrative Order (Order) to the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council and the Northern Cheyenne Utility Commission (NCUC). The Order was issued following a loss of pressure in the community of Ashland and our understanding that pressure had also been lost in Birney. The EPA later learned that Birney had been able to maintain enough water in its tank to prevent a pressure loss and amended the Order to remove requirements for Birney.

Manager Winslow Whitecrane and his staff have met all requirements of the Order. Required special samples were collected and all showed the water to be safe to drink. The regular monitoring schedule for the system is now in effect. Please pass along our thanks to all of your staff who assisted during the emergencies this summer.

If either you or your staff has questions regarding the emergency or our Order, please do not hesitate to contact me at (406) 457-5025, or Barbara Burkland at (406) 457-5009.

Sincerely,

Julie DalSoglio, Director  
EPA Region 8, Montana Office

cc: Winslow Whitecrane, Director, Northern Cheyenne Utility Commission  
Charlene Alden, Director, Northern Cheyenne Environmental Department

Tina Artemis, EPA Regional Hearing Clerk

