



REGION 8

1595 Wynkoop Street
Denver, CO 80202-1129

August 13, 2024

Ref: 8WD-SDR

SENT VIA EMAIL

Perry Owings, VA Water Plant Operator
Veterans Administration Medical Center
1898 Fort Road
Sheridan, Wyoming 82801
jacob.owings@va.gov

**Re: Notice of Noncompliance
Consumer Confidence Report
Failure to Report
PWS ID#: WY5680001 C**

Dear Perry Owings:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Veterans Administration Medical Center water system has failed to submit a copy of its 2023 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) to EPA by July 1, 2024. Failure to prepare and deliver the 2023 CCR to your customers and send a copy to this office by July 1st is a violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) and the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR) according to 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.152-155.

The requirement to distribute CCRs to your customers is a cornerstone of the public-right-to-know provisions of the SDWA and serves as an important avenue to promote public involvement in decisions that relate to the quality of their drinking water.

If not done already, please take the following actions:

- (1) Prepare the 2023 CCR for your system and distribute it to your customers as soon as possible. If you are unsure how to complete your report, you can find more information

on developing a CCR on EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/ccr/how-water-systems-comply-ccr-requirements> or call our CCR Rule Manager for assistance at the number provided later in this letter.

- (2) Submit a copy of the report to EPA (Attn: CCR Rule Manager) as soon as possible using one of the methods listed below. Please include your PWS name and PWS ID# on all correspondence:

Email: R8DWU@epa.gov (EPA strongly recommends submitting CCRs by email)

Fax: 1-877-876-9101

Mail: Refer to the address at the top of this letter. Please use Mail Code 8WD-SDR on the envelope.

- (3) Complete the enclosed certification form and submit it to R8DWU@epa.gov no later than October 1, 2024. Please include your PWS name and PWS ID# on your submission.

You should be aware that repeated violations of the NPDWR may result in formal enforcement action taken against your water system. If formal enforcement action were to be necessary, the Safe Drinking Water Act provides for civil penalties of up to \$67,544 per day of violation. We prefer to resolve problems before such formal enforcement is necessary, and we ask for your cooperation to rectify them quickly and effectively.

Our goal is to work with you to ensure that your system provides safe drinking water to your customers and remains in compliance with federal regulations. If you have any questions, please contact Pragati Sharma, CCR Rule Manager, at 303-312-7285 or by email at sharma.pragati@epa.gov. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Seth Tourney, P.E.

Supervisor, Rule Implementation Section
Drinking Water Program

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Enclosure: Consumer Confidence Report Certification Form

cc:

Michael Alliot, Program Manager
Sheridan VA Medical Center
michael.alliot@va.gov

Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) Certification for Wyoming Community Water Systems Serving Fewer than 10,000 Persons

Community Water System Name: _____

Public Water System Identification No: _____ Year CCR Due: _____

Important: In 1999, Governor Jim Geringer exercised his authority under the Safe Drinking Water Act to waive the direct mailing requirement for CCRs for small community water systems in Wyoming. Instead of mailing a complete copy of the CCR to each customer, small community water systems can instead meet their annual reporting requirements under the CCR Rule by the methods of report distribution listed below.

Directions: Please mark the boxes in the section relevant to your drinking water system and fill in the associated blanks. Then sign the form in the last section.

Community Water Systems Serving Fewer than 10,000 Persons must complete all three (3) of the following actions:

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1. Notified customers by direct mailing* that the CCR shall be printed in a local newspaper or made available on an internet web site. Specify date and method of direct notice to customers:

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2. Published the CCR as an insert in one or more local newspapers serving the area of service or published the CCR on an internet web site. Specify newspaper and the date of publication, or specify the internet web site address:

and

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3. Made paper copies of the CCR available to the public upon request. Describe what information was provided to the customer so that he/she could request a paper copy of the CCR, if desired:

*Direct mailing can include mailing a paper notice or emailing a notice to your customers.

Community Water Systems Serving 500 Persons or Fewer must complete both of the following actions:

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1. Provided direct notice* to each customer that the annual CCR is available. Specify the date and method of direct notice to customers, and where the report was made available:

and

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2. Made paper copies of the CCR available to the public upon request or through an internet web site. Describe what information was provided to the customer so that he/she could request a paper copy of the CCR, or specify the internet web site address:

*Direct notice can include mailing a paper notice to or emailing a notice to your customers.

The community water system named above hereby confirms that its Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) has been distributed to customers or that appropriate notices of availability have been given as specified on this form. Further, the system certifies that the information contained in the report is correct and consistent with the compliance monitoring data previously submitted to EPA Region 8.

CERTIFIED BY:

Name (please print): _____

Title: _____ Phone #: _____

Signature: _____

Today's Date: _____

Please sign and send your completed certification by mail, fax, or email for receipt no later than October 1st of each year for the CCR due that same year:

EMAIL:

To: R8DWU@epa.gov

Subject: CCR Certification

FAX:

1-(877) 876-9101

Attn: CCR Certification

MAILING ADDRESS:

US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8

Drinking Water Program (8WP-SDR)

Attn: CCR Rule Manager

1595 Wynkoop St.

Mailcode: 8WP-SDR

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