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Ref: 8WD-SDB

SENT VIA EMAIL

Ms. Lori Koldenhoven, Manager
Crooked Creek Guest Ranch
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Dubois, Wyoming 82513
lokoldenhoven@gmail.com

**Re: Notice of Noncompliance
Ground Water Rule (GWR)
Failure to Monitor
PWS ID# WY5601542 NC**

Dear Ms. Koldenhoven:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Crooked Creek Guest Ranch has failed to collect a Ground Water Rule triggered source sample. A source sample was required to be collected within 24 hours of your being notified of a total coliform positive sample for the Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR) for the sample collected on **September 5, 2023**, according to 40 C.F.R. § 141 Subpart S of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR). This Ground Water Rule source sample is required to be collected in addition to your regular repeat samples for the Revised Total Coliform Rule.

This is a violation of the NPDWR. If not already done, please take the following actions:

1. Immediately take one sample from all active groundwater sources before treatment for each routine total coliform positive sample. Please use the enclosed Triggered Ground Water Source Sampling Form. Make sure to send all groundwater samples to a certified lab and report the results to EPA immediately.
2. Notify your customers of this monitoring violation by hand delivery or posting of the public notice no later than one year after the violation. To reach other persons served by the system who may not see a posted notice you must publish the notice in a local newspaper newsletter distributed to customers, use E-mail to notify employees or students, or deliver multiple copies to central locations (e.g., community centers). You can use the PN template enclosed with this letter or create your own Tier 3 public notice using the EPA Microsoft Word templates available at: <https://www.epa.gov/region8-waterops/reporting-forms-drinking-water-systems-wyoming-and-tribal-lands-epa-region-8#pn>.
3. Please forward a copy of your public notice and certify that it was completed. The PN and certification must be delivered to our office within ten days of completion.

Please send the public notice and sample results to our office using one of the methods listed below. Include your PWS name and PWS ID# on all correspondence.

Email: R8DWU@epa.gov (preferred)

Fax: 1-(877) 876-9101

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

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.

If you have any questions, please contact the Triggered Ground Water Rule Manager, Jamie Harris at (303) 312-6072 or by email at harris.jamie@epa.gov. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Judy Bloom
Supervisor, Drinking Water Section B
Water Division

Enclosure:
Tier 3 PN Template

cc:

Mr. Michael Schaan, Owner
Crooked Creek Guest Ranch
mjschaan@gmail.com

Jody Cronk, Contact
Crooked Creek Guest Ranch
jcronkster@yahoo.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Date of Release: _____ PWS Number: _____

FAILURE TO MONITOR VIOLATION GROUND WATER RULE (GWR)

To All _____ Water Users
(Name of water system/business)

We are required to monitor the well (drinking water source) for a fecal indicator like E. coli bacteria within 24 hours when there is a total coliform bacteria positive sample result in the distribution system. We had a total coliform positive sample result on _____, we did not take a fecal indicator source sample and, therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

In the table below, list the failure to monitor violations you received for not collecting a triggered source sample during the last year.

Monitoring Period (Month/Year)	When Samples Should Have Been Taken (Date)	When Samples Were (or Will Be) Taken (Date)

What happened? What is being done?

If you have any questions, please contact _____ at _____.
(Water system contact person) (Phone)

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Optional: If applicable, you may also include the statement that “Subsequent water samples have been analyzed as safe.”

You may use the above notice sample or write your own, but the text in *italics* must be included in any notification.

PWS Operator/Responsible Party:

Since most monitoring violations are included in Tier 3, you must provide public notice to persons served within one year after you learn of the violation. Multiple monitoring violations can be serious. Check with EPA Region 8 to make sure you meet the requirements.

Community Systems must use one of the following methods:

- hand or direct delivery
- mail, as a separate notice or included with the bill

Non-Community Systems must use one of the following methods:

- posting in conspicuous locations
- hand delivery
- mail

In addition, both community and non-community systems must use another method reasonably calculated to reach others if they would not be reached by the first method. Such methods could include newspapers, e-mail, or delivery to community organizations. If you post the notice, it must remain posted until the violation is resolved, but in no case less than seven (7) days, even if the violation is resolved. If the violation has been resolved, you must post the notice for at least one week. If you mail, post, or hand deliver, print your notice on letterhead, if available.

The notice on the reverse is appropriate for distribution after each violation or collectively at the end of the calendar year. If you choose to wait until the end of the year to give notice, the enclosed form can be issued or it can be inserted into your CCR as long as public notification requirements are met.

After issuing the notice, make sure to send EPA Region 8 a copy of each type of notice and acertification that you have met all the public notice requirements within ten days after issuing the notice.

Send the copy of your notice and certification to:

Email: R8DWU@epa.gov (preferred)

Fax: 1-(877) 876-9101

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

If you have questions about your Triggered GWR FTM violation, contact Jamie Harris at 303-312-6072 or by email at harris.jamie@epa.gov.

Certification of Public Notification

I, _____, certify that the attached public notification was issued
(PWS Operator/Responsible Party)

from _____ to _____
(Date) (Date)

The attached notice was issued by _____
(Method of delivery)

Signature _____ Date _____

EPA Region 8 WY and Tribal Ground Water Rule (GWR)

TRIGGERED GROUNDWATER SOURCE SAMPLING FORM

Sampler(s) Section (For field sampler use only)

Reminder: Collect GWR source samples anytime you have a **routine** RTCR positive result. Collect the same number of samples from each active groundwater source as the number of routine TC+ results received (e.g., if you have two routine TC+ results, you will need to collect two triggered source water samples from each active groundwater source). Write the correct Sample Point Code on the form below (e.g. GWR WL), which may be found in the yearly Monitoring and Reporting Requirements document sent to all systems. The GWR source samples are **in addition** to your RTCR repeat samples. You **cannot** use RTCR samples as a GWR source sample, or vice versa.

Public Water System (PWS) Name:			Sampler's Name:		
PWS Identification Number (PWSID):			Cell Phone Number:		
PWS Street Address:		City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Comments: (List sources that were inactive or any other information regarding why all groundwater sources were not sampled)					
Sample Collection		Sample Point Code	Groundwater Sample Type - Check One		
Date	Time	(Found in the yearly Monitoring and Reporting Requirements document in the GWR section.)	Triggered: 1st source sample(s) after being notified of a routine RTCR positive Additional After EC+: Required 5 source samples after a GWR EC+ routine result		
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			☐ Triggered	☐ Additional After EC+	
			☐ Triggered	☐ Additional After EC+	
			☐ Triggered	☐ Additional After EC+	
			☐ Triggered	☐ Additional After EC+	
Sampler(s) name (Print):		Sampler(s) signature:			Date signed:

Laboratory Section (For laboratory use only):

Laboratory Name:		Laboratory Phone Number:			Date/Time Sample Received:				
Lab Specimen ID	Sample Location	Analytical Method Used	Total Coliform P/A/NA	E. coli P/A/NA	Analysis Start		Analysis Complete		Comments
					Date	Time	Date	Time	
Comments: (e.g. chlorine residual present, over 30 hour holding time)									
Analyst(s) Name:					Date:				

Send Copies of Completed Forms to: EPA Region 8 Triggered Ground Water Rule Manager