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Mr. Jon McCormick
AMMRE Inc.
d/b/a Loma Escondida Water Association
2823 Richmond Dr. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107

Re: Administrative Order, Docket Number: SDWA-06-2014-1325
PWS ID Number: NM3500432

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Enclosed is an Administrative Order (Order) issued to AMMRE Inc., doing business as Loma Escondida Water Association, for violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act (Act), 42 U.S.C. § 300f, et seq., and its implementing regulations, 40 C.F.R. Part 141. Specifically, this Order is issued for failure to provide drinking water that complies with the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for arsenic. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finds that the AMMRE Inc. owns or operates the public water system (PWS) identified in the Order and is therefore subject to these regulations. This Order requires certain actions and information demands.

This Order requires compliance with the MCL for arsenic as set forth in Section 1412 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-1. If immediate compliance is not possible, you must submit a treatment alternative with a construction and/or repair schedule that will achieve compliance no later than eighteen (18) months from the effective date of the enclosed Order. Compliance with the arsenic MCL is based on a running annual average. As described in the enclosed Order, the Loma Escondida Water Association is required to deliver drinking water that meets the national standard for arsenic and to conduct quarterly monitoring to ensure compliance with the MCL. Please be aware that failure to comply with this Order may subject you to additional enforcement action by EPA, including the initiation of legal proceedings to seek monetary penalties.

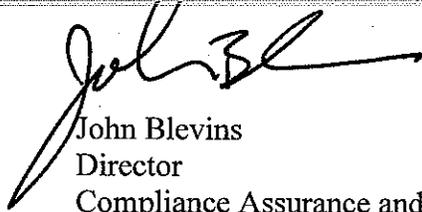
The PWS is also required to comply with all applicable New Mexico regulations and provisions of 20.7.10.100 NMAC, incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141. Most treatment options require the submittal of engineering plans and specifications to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). Please send engineering submittals to NMED's Drinking Water Bureau address referenced in Section "9(e)" in the enclosed Order and include the EPA Docket number.

Re: AMMRE Inc.
Administrative Order

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If you need assistance, or have questions regarding the Order, please contact Ms. Tonia Biggs, of my staff, at (214) 665-8551.

Sincerely,



John Blevins
Director
Compliance Assurance and
Enforcement Division

Enclosure

cc: Maria J. Medina, Enforcement Coordinator
New Mexico Environment Department
Drinking Water Bureau
P.O. Box 5469
Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469



U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-REGION 6
FINDINGS OF VIOLATION, COMPLIANCE ORDER, AND
INFORMATION DEMAND

In the Matter of Loma Escondida Water Association
Owned/Operated by AMMRE Inc., Respondent
Docket No. SDWA-06-2014-1325, PWS ID No. NM3500432

~~STATUTORY AUTHORITY~~

The following findings are made and Order issued under the authority vested in the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), by Sections 1414(g) and 1445 of the Safe Drinking Water Act ("the Act"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 300g-3(g) and 300j-4. The Administrator delegated the authority to issue this Order to the Regional Administrator of EPA Region 6 who delegated such authority to the Director of the Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Division.

FINDINGS

1. AMMRE Inc. ("Respondent"), doing business as Loma Escondida Water Association, is a "person," as defined by Section 1401(12) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300f(12).

2. At all times relevant to the violations alleged herein ("relevant time period"), Respondent owned or operated the Loma Escondida Water Association, a public water system ("PWS"), as defined by Section 1401(4) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300f(4), located in Albuquerque, Valencia County, New Mexico ("facility"), designated as PWS number NM3500432.

3. As a PWS and a "supplier of water," Respondent is subject to the regulations promulgated by EPA pursuant to Section 1412 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-1, entitled "National Primary Drinking Water Regulations."

4. During the relevant time period, Respondent's PWS served as a "community water system," as defined by Section 1401(15) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300f(15).

5. The New Mexico Environment Department ("NMED") and EPA have enforcement authority for the PWS provisions of the Act in the State of New Mexico. NMED and EPA have consulted regarding this Order, and it has been agreed that EPA would initiate this enforcement action.

6. Respondent monitored for arsenic during each of the last four quarters from the 1st quarter of 2013 through the 4th quarter of 2013, resulting in a running annual average of 0.018 mg/L, which exceeded the arsenic maximum contaminant level ("MCL") of 0.010 mg/L in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 141.62(b)(16).

7. Respondent is required to comply with the arsenic requirements of the Act, as set forth in Section 1412 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-1.

SECTION 1414(g) COMPLIANCE ORDER

8. Based on these findings and pursuant to the authority of Section 1414(g) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g), EPA orders Respondent to take the following actions:

- a. Respondent shall comply with 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b) and notify both EPA and NMED within forty-eight (48) hours in the event of arsenic MCL violations.
- b. In the event that public notice, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.201, has not been given by Respondent regarding the violations specified in paragraph 6, Respondent shall, within thirty (30) days of issuance of this Order, provide a public notice of the violation as set forth in 40 C.F.R. § 141.201. Respondent shall submit a copy of the public notice to EPA and NMED within forty (40) days of issuance of this Order.
- c. Within fifteen (15) calendar days of the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall contact Ms. Tonia Biggs, in writing, informing her whether Respondent will comply with the terms of this Order.
- d. Respondent shall immediately comply with 40 C.F.R. § 141.62(b)(16) regarding the arsenic MCL. If immediate compliance is not technically feasible, then Respondent must comply with "e" in the Compliance Order and "a" through "e" in the Information Demand below.
- e. Respondent shall achieve and maintain compliance with the MCL for arsenic set forth at 40 C.F.R. § 141.62(b)(16) no later than eighteen (18) months after the effective date of this Order.

SECTION 1445 INFORMATION DEMAND

9. Based on these findings and pursuant to the authority of Section 1445 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300j-4, Respondent is required to do the following:

- a. Within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall submit to EPA an initial report on the progress made to bring the PWS into compliance with the arsenic MCL. Following the initial report, quarterly progress reports shall be due to EPA within ten (10) days after the end of each calendar quarter. Respondent shall notify EPA when all improvements have been completed.
- b. Within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall submit to EPA a detailed plan to bring the PWS into compliance with the MCL for arsenic. The plan shall include: 1) a system modification proposal; 2) a cost analysis of system modifications; and 3) a construction schedule for the project. The schedule shall include specific milestone dates and a final compliance date that is no later than eighteen (18) months from the effective date of this Order. The plan must be submitted to EPA for approval before construction can commence.
- c. The approved schedule for construction and completion of modifications will be incorporated into this Order or an Amended Administrative Order will be issued incorporating the approved schedule for construction and completion of modifications.
- d. The reporting required by this Order must be provided by Respondent to EPA at the following address:

Ms. Tonia Biggs
 Water Enforcement Branch (6EN-W)
 U.S. EPA, Region 6
 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
 Dallas, TX 75202-2733

- e. Regarding Parts "a" and "b" in the Order Section, Respondent shall submit a copy of the public notice to NMED at the following address:

Maria J. Medina, Enforcement Coordinator
 New Mexico Environment Department
 Drinking Water Bureau
 P.O. Box 5469
 Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469

GENERAL PROVISIONS

This Order is effective upon receipt by Respondent.

Respondent may seek federal judicial review of the Order pursuant to Chapter 7 of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. §§ 701-706. Section 706, which is set forth at <http://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=granuleid:USC-prelim-title5-section706&num=0&edition=prelim>, states the scope of such review.

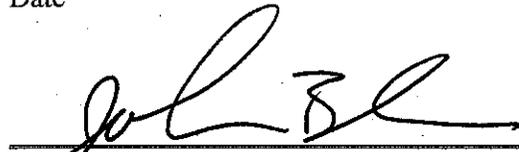
This Section 1414(g) Compliance Order and the Section 1445 Information Demand do not constitute a waiver, suspension, or modification of the requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 141 or other applicable federal and state requirements, which remain in full force and effect. Issuance of this Section 1414(g) Compliance Order and Section 1445 Information Demand is not an election by EPA to forego any civil or any criminal action otherwise authorized under the Act.

Violation of any term of this Section 1414(g) Compliance Order and the Section 1445 Information Demand or the Act may subject Respondent to an administrative civil penalty of up to \$32,500 under Section 1414(g) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g), or a civil penalty of not more than \$37,500 per day per violation, assessed by an appropriate United States District Court under Section 1414(g)(3)(A) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g)(3)(A).

This Order shall be binding on the PWS cited herein and all its successors, and assignees. No change in ownership of the PWS shall alter the responsibility of the PWS under this Order.

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Date



John Blevins
 Director
 Compliance Assurance and
 Enforcement Division