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Re: Order Approving Notice of Violation and Order, EQC Docket No. 10-3221, DEQ
Docket No. 4708-10

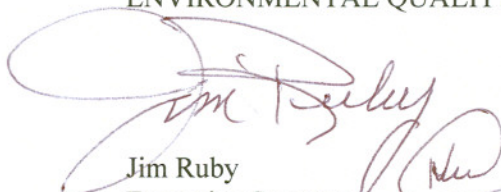
Dear Mr. Lawson:

Please take note that the attached Council Order is **NOT** a new Notice of Violation and Order issued by DEQ. If you have complied with the Notice of Violation and Order, if you are in the process of working out an agreement with DEQ, or if enforcement action is being pursued against you by DEQ, this Council **Order does not change your status**. Please call the Water Quality Division at 307-777-5632 if you have any questions regarding your compliance status under Notice of Violation and Order No. **4708-10**.

Under Section 35-11-112(a)(ii) of the Environmental Quality Act, the Environmental Quality Council (the Council) has the obligation to approve all final orders issued by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). On **July 16, 2010**, DEQ issued Notice of Violation and Order **#4708-10** to you and the EQC docketed it as **#10-3221**. You did not appeal the Order to the Council. Thus, the Order became final and the Council held a public meeting on **September 9, 2010** and approved the Notice of Violation and Order **4708-10**, EQC Docket No. **10-3221**.

Sincerely,

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL


Jim Ruby
Executive Secretary

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