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Guam EPA Response to USEPA Emergency Compliance Order

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Good morning, Director Miller.

I hope all is well. I appreciate your call and discussion the other day and would like to offer the decision.

The Guam Environmental Protection Agency ("Guam EPA") has determined not to initiate formal enforcement action at this time with respect to the Guam Waterworks Authority ("GWA") delay in providing notice to customers as required under Guam's Interim Action Level for dieldrin.

Guam EPA acknowledges that the GWA notification process exceeded the prescribed time frame, but no evidence has been found to indicate that the delay was the result of willful noncompliance, disregard of applicable regulatory obligations, or indifference to public health. Rather, the record reflects that GWA remained cooperative with Guam EPA directives throughout the period in question and has taken corrective action to issue the required notifications. GWA is currently accelerating their interim mitigation plan of installing two granular activated carbon (GAC) filtration systems to the affected well, with an expected timeline of this Friday, October 3, 2025.

Guam EPA believes that a formal enforcement order under these circumstances would not enhance public health protection, and could instead discourage the cooperative approach that has facilitated compliance and supported emergency response actions now in progress. Guam EPA will continue to exercise oversight to monitor the provision of safe drinking water and to ensure that the public remains informed. Guam EPA is also prepared to take further action if warranted by GWA's conduct.

We appreciate the U.S. EPA's continued collaboration and support during this declared emergency.

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Very respectfully,

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