

May 18, 2009

Doug Embody, Acting Mayor
City of Cut Bank, Montana
221 W. Main Street
Cut Bank, MT 59427

RE: Categorical Exclusion – City of Cut Bank, Montana
Phase 4 Schedule 1 Water System Improvements Project

Dear Mr. Embody:

An environmental review of the above referenced project has been completed by the Drinking Water SRF Program. Based on this review, it has been determined that the project is eligible for a categorical exclusion from further environmental review. A copy of the Notice of Publication of Categorical Exclusion for this project is enclosed. Please print the notice in at least one publication of your local newspaper, under legal advertising, and return a copy of the proof of advertisement to this office. Please have the notice, Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and the project contract documents available for public review at your office. We have distributed the notice to the enclosed list of agencies. If you have any questions regarding this process or the project in general, you can call me at 444-5316.

Sincerely,

Robert Ashton
State Revolving Fund Loan Program
Technical and Financial Assistance Bureau
rashton@mt.gov
406.444.5316

Encl

cc: Joel Pilcher, Great West Engineering, Helena, MT
Anna Miller, DNRC (w/o notice)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
CITY OF CUT BANK, MONTANA
PHASE 4 SCHEDULE 1 - WATER SYTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the above named project. The project consist of installing approximately 6,600 lineal feet of 10-inch PVC water main, 1,300 lineal feet of 8-inch PVC water main and all associated valves, fire hydrants, fittings, service lines, service connections and asphalt replacement. The proposed project will replace aging and undersized water mains along Main Street and 2nd Street Northeast.

Pursuant to ARM 17.40.318, the Department has concluded that the proposed project meets the Categorical Exclusion criteria of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA).

The documentation for the Categorical Exclusion is available for public review at the following locations:

Department of Environmental Quality
State Revolving Fund Loan Program
1520 East Sixth Avenue
Helena, MT 59601

Cut Bank City Hall
221 West Main Street
Cut Bank, MT 59427

Sincerely,

Todd Teegarden, Bureau Chief
Technical & Financial Assistance Bureau
Planning Prevention & Assistance Division
Montana Department of Environmental Quality