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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, MONTANA

WPCSRF #: C301127

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TOWN OF FAIRFIELD WASTEWATER OUTFALL AND COLLECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the above named project. The project includes rehabilitation of sewer outfall and comprehensive sewer collection system rehabilitation. More specifically, the project includes the installation of approximately 3,600 lineal feet of 12-inch cured-in-place pipe (CIPP), 1,850 lineal feet of 10-inch CIPP, 14,660 lineal feet of 8-inch CIPP, and miscellaneous manhole repairs. Depending on actual construction costs, the project may also include the installation of approximately 600 lineal feet of 8-inch, 10-inch and 12-inch SDR 35 PVC (gravity) pipe using open-cut excavation, the installation of new manholes to replace cleanouts or "lampholes", the repair of services that have root intrusion problems, and the installation of manhole coatings. A significant portion of the collection lines lie below groundwater, resulting in groundwater entering the sewer mains at pipe cracks, pipe joints, and leaking manholes. The rehabilitation of sewer mains will decrease the volume of water contributing to the wastewater treatment system by eliminating unnecessary infiltration of groundwater. The improvements will immediately reduce hydraulic loading on the facultative lagoon, in turn, increasing the available operating capacity of the lagoon.

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 Categorical Exclusion may be revoked if the project is not initiated within the time period specified in the Preliminary Engineering Report, a new or modified application is submitted, new evidence demonstrates serious local or environmental issues exist, or state, local, tribal, or federal laws are violated.

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

Town of Fairfield City Hall
603 Central Ave Avenue
Fairfield, MT 59436

Sincerely,

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