



September 15, 2009

Mary Heydon  
City of Fort Benton  
1204 Front Street  
P.O. Box 8  
Fort Benton, MT 59442

RE: Water Improvement Project  
City of Fort Benton, Montana

Dear Ms. Heydon:

An environmental review of the above-referenced project has been completed by the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan 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, the Preliminary Design Report and the Contract Documents and Specifications 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, please email me at [mgolz@mt.gov](mailto:mgolz@mt.gov) or call me at (406) 444-6770.

Sincerely,

Marc Golz, P.E.  
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program  
Technical and Financial Assistance Bureau

Encl

cc: Joel Pilcher, P.E., Great West Engineering



NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
CITY OF FORT BENTON, MONTANA

WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

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The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the above-named project. The project consists of replacing existing water mains in Fort Benton, Montana with 6-inch diameter PVC, unless otherwise noted below, as follows: 400-feet of water main on 14<sup>th</sup> Street from Chouteau to St. Charles; 810-feet of water main on St. Charles from 14<sup>th</sup> Street to 16<sup>th</sup> Street; 400-feet of water main on 16<sup>th</sup> Street from St. Charles to Chouteau and 30-feet of 4-inch water main on 16<sup>th</sup> Street; 1,434-feet of water main on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street from 70-feet north of St. Charles to Main Street; 1,152-feet of water main in the alley between St. Charles and Chouteau from 23<sup>rd</sup> Street to 350-feet northeast of 25<sup>th</sup> Street; and 226-feet of water main on 25<sup>th</sup> Street northwest from the alley between Chouteau and St. Charles.

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

Fort Benton City Hall  
1204 Front Street  
Fort Benton, MT 59442

Sincerely,

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