



NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
TOWNSEND, MONTANA

TOWNSEND INFLOW AND INFILTRATION REDUCTION

September 29, 2009

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the above named project. This proposed project is necessary to reduce infiltration which has been calculated to account for over half of the wastewater treated by the City's facility. The project proposes to rehabilitate 38-49 blocks of 8" or 10" pipe utilizing cure-in-place pipe practices. Decreasing the infiltration will result in a decrease in operating costs – primarily energy savings, prepare the City for a possible change to mechanical treatment, and possibly increase the quality of groundwater. Services will not be addressed as a part of this project; therefore there should be no ground disturbance.

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

City of Townsend
110 Broadway
Townsend, MT 59644

Sincerely,

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