



NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
RED LODGE, MONTANA

RED LODGE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SOLAR PV PANEL ARRAY

November 10, 2009

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the above named project. This proposed project is to install a solar panel array on the southern edge of the treatment facility. This solar array will be combined with commercial power to run the wastewater treatment facility. The project also included the replacement of two motors with variable frequency drives as well as a dissolved oxygen monitor. Use of the dissolved oxygen monitor will allow running of the aeration system as little as possible. These three improvements together are projected to reduce the City of Red Lodge's carbon emissions by approximately 61 metric tons and save \$9,120 per year. The entire project is contained within the current bounds of the treatment facility; no previously undisturbed ground will be utilized. The solar panel array may be visible from the County Road to the north and the eastern boundary hill. It is not anticipated that this will produce any adverse affects on the community or surrounding area. A map of the area can be viewed for location clarification at the below listed addresses or see attached.

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:

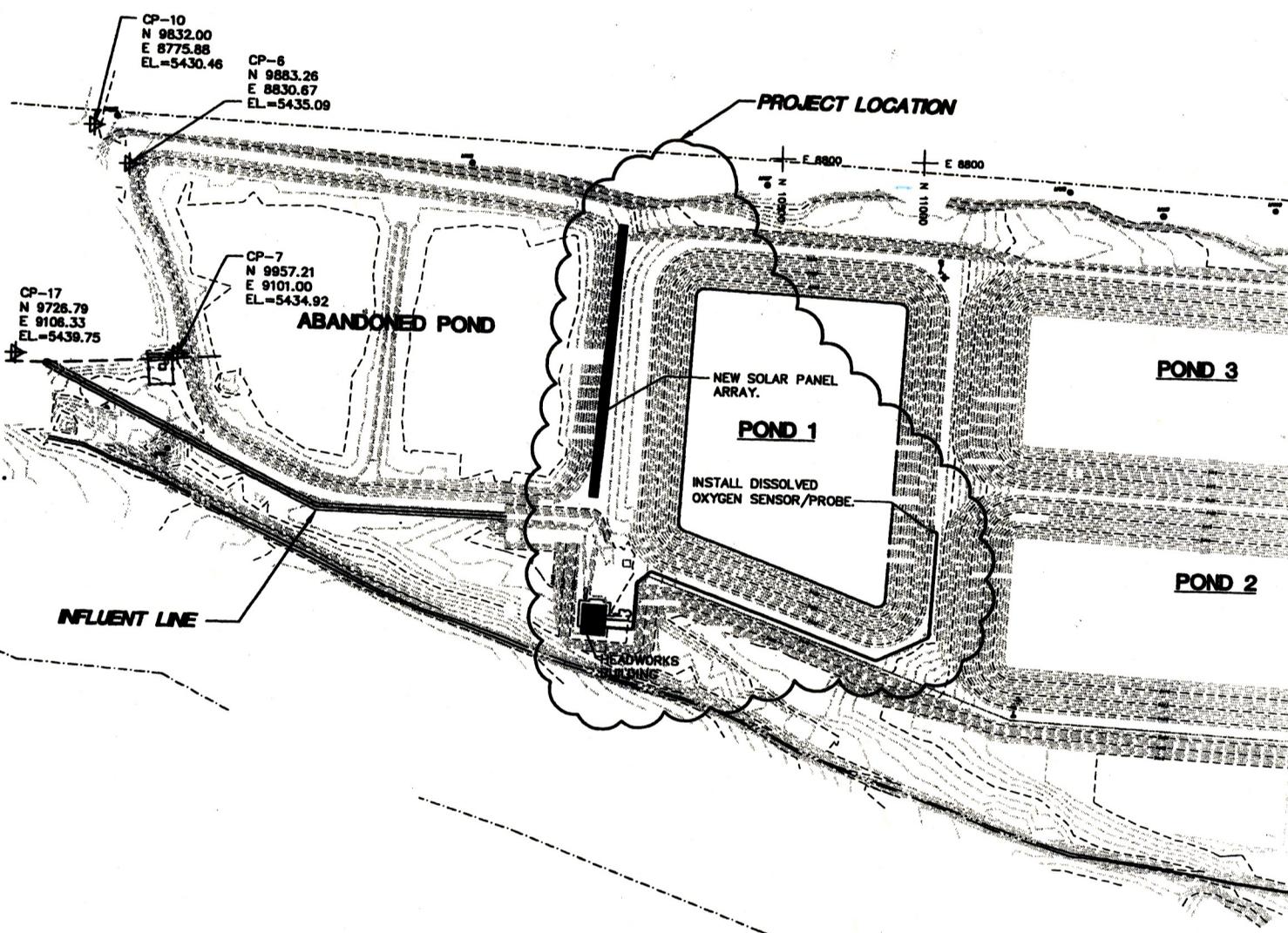
Department of Environmental Quality  
State Revolving Fund Loan Program  
1520 East Sixth Avenue  
Helena, MT 59601

Red Lodge  
1 South Platt  
Red Lodge, MT 59068

Sincerely,

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Montana Department of Environmental Quality



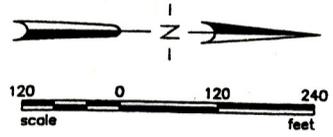
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