

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
TOWN OF MANHATTAN, MONTANA

WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

March 19, 2010

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program has reviewed the above-named project. The project consists of replacing approximately 2,800 feet of an existing water transmission main from a Booster Station south of Interstate 90 to a point north of Interstate 90 in Manhattan, Montana. The new transmission main will be 10-inch diameter PVC and will be installed in a new location approximately parallel to, and varying from 0 to 275 feet east of, the existing main. The new main will run along Manhattan South Road in the right-of-way. The water main replacement will occur in previously disturbed ground and in a relatively open area.

In addition to the DWSRF review, the DEQ Public Water Supply program reviewed and approved the engineering plans and specifications and also completed an environmental assessment checklist.

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

Town of Manhattan
120 W. Main

Manhattan, MT 59741

Sincerely,

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