

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
CITY OF LAUREL, MONTANA  
City of Laurel 2010 Water Main Replacement Project

September 20, 2010

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the above-named project. The project consists of replacement of approximately 1,900 lineal feet of existing water main with new PVC water main. The 8-inch water main replacement is along Seventh Street between Third Avenue and Fifth Avenue, and along Third Avenue between Seventh Street and Ninth Street. This area is shown on the attached photograph of the City of Laurel. There have been a large number of recurring leaks in these four blocks of water main due to the brittleness of the old cast iron pipe. Because of these leaks and the undersized main on Third Avenue, adequate flow and pressure have not been available to this section of town. The proposed improvements will correct this problem.

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 planning documents, a new or modified application is submitted, or 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 Laurel  
115 W. First Street  
Laurel, MT 59044

Sincerely,

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