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Subject: Recertify environmental documentation for split project
Harlowton – North US 12/US 191 Intersection Imp
NH 63-1(7)0 NH 63-1(14)0
Control Number: 4072 Control Number: 4072002

Dear Alan,

Environmental Services has reviewed the above proposed projects' impacts and has determined that these proposed projects still qualify as a Categorical Exclusions under the provisions of 23 CFR 771.129(c), and under the provisions of ARM 18.2.261 (Sections 75-1-103 and 75-1-201, M.C.A.). The original categorical exclusion was signed by your agency one March 11, 2005 and covered the following three projects:

- Harlowton – North, NH 63-1(10)0, CN 4072
- 11 Km North of Harlowton – N, NH 63-1(7)0, CN A072
- Harlowton Rest Area; NH 14-3(18)101; CN 4978

The previously-signed CE has already been re-evaluated based on final project plans for two of the projects to ensure that they still qualified as categorical exclusions:

- 11 Km North of Harlowton – N, NH 63-1(7)0, CN A072 on 3/6/09
- Harlowton Rest Area; NH 14-3(18)101; CN 4978 on (4/6/09).

The third project, Harlowton – North, has also been split into the two (2) project phases:

- Harlowton – North, NH 63-1(7)0, CN 4072
- US 12/US 191 Intersection Imp, NH 63-1(14)0, CN 4072002

The proposed projects as described in the project split report 9/7/05, and PIH Report for 4072002 1/6/11, have been evaluated to determine if the work involved in the projects has changed from that described in the original categorical exclusion (3/11/05). The only major change is described below:

- The location of the new scale site has been moved from South of US Highway 12 and Ray's Sports & Western Wear to the approximate location of the existing scale site north of US Highway 12 and east of the proposed site of the relocated intersection of US Highway 12 and 191. The new site location will be designed to ensure all required movements are allowed, and will include at least 10 parking stalls for trucks.

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As a result of this change, we have reviewed the biological, cultural, hazardous waste etc. reports and found that in accordance with 23 CFR 771.117(a), this action will still neither individually or cumulatively, have any significant environmental impacts.

In accordance with the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) concurrence letter of April 15, 1999, this notification documents that this proposed action is still properly classified as a CE under the provisions of 23 CFR 771.117(d).

Sincerely,



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Attachments: Cat Ex signed 3/11/05
Project split report 9/7/05
PIH Report for 4072002 1/6/11

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