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Subject: Recertify Environmental Documentation
NH 99-1(2)7
11 km North of Malta - North
Control Number: 4055

Dear Jeff,

Environmental Services has reviewed the above proposed project's impacts under the provisions of 23 CFR 771.129(c) and has determined that this proposed project still qualifies as a categorical exclusion. The original categorical exclusion was signed September 11, 2002. This proposed action also continues to qualify as a categorical exclusion under the provisions of ARM 18.2.261 (Sections 75-1-103 and 75-1-201, M.C.A.). This determination is based on the following information.

The preliminary Alignment and Grade Report for the proposed project has been reviewed. Since approval of the categorical exclusion on September 11, 2002, there have been minor adjustments to the horizontal alignment to minimize disturbance to existing features. Additionally, we have determined that these changes will have no effect to biological, cultural, hazardous waste etc. reports. 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 categorical exclusion under the provisions of 23 CFR 771.117(d).

Sincerely,

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