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July 3, 2013

Jeff Sell, Mayor
City of Harlowton, Montana
PO Box 292
Harlowton, MT 59036

RE: Categorical Exclusion – City of Harlowton, Montana
Pritchard Well Rehabilitation Project

Dear Mayor Sell:

An environmental review of the above referenced project has been completed by the Drinking Water SRF Program. Based on this review, it has been determined that the project is eligible for a categorical exclusion from further environmental review. A copy of the Notice of Publication of Categorical Exclusion for this project is enclosed. Please print the notice in at least one publication of your local newspaper, under legal advertising, and return a copy of the proof of advertisement to this office. Please have the notice, Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and the project contract documents available for public review at your office. We have distributed the notice to the enclosed list of agencies. Please call if you have any questions regarding this process or the project in general.

Sincerely,

Robert Ashton
State Revolving Fund Loan Program
Technical and Financial Assistance Bureau
rashton@mt.gov
406.444.5316

Encl

cc: Bob Church, P.E., Great West Engineering, Helena, MT
Anna Miller, DNRC (w/o notice)



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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
CITY OF HARLOWTON, MONTANA
PRITCHARD WELL REHABILITATION PROJECT

July 3, 2013

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the above named project. The project will rehabilitate the existing Harlowton Pritchard water supply well by cleaning the upper 180 feet of well casing, installing a liner casing and a swell packer to isolate the lower portion of the well. The project will also replace the existing well pump; add a pump to waste provision, a sand separator to remove particulate and all associated piping, appurtenances and controls. All of the proposed work will occur within or adjacent to the existing Pritchard well house.

The Pritchard Well and well house are located within the limits of the city of Harlowton at the corner of M Avenue NW and NW Pritchard Avenue (see attached Figure 1).

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, 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 Harlowton
17 South Central Avenue
Harlowton, MT 59036

Sincerely,

Todd Toegarden, Bureau Chief
Technical & Financial Assistance Bureau
Planning Prevention & Assistance Division
Montana Department of Environmental Quality

CHAPTER III – ATTACHMENT D

DOCUMENTATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION CHECKLIST

Project Name / Brief Description: Harlowton Pritchard well
rehabilitation. Line well w/ PVC & improve pump house

Project Number: _____

Date: July 1, 2013

Preparer: Robert Ashton DWSRF Program

The Department action under Title 75, chapter 5, part 11 and or chapter 6, part 1 or 2, MCA, is excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS) if the application for department review is for any of the following projects:

(a) Projects relating to existing infrastructure systems such as sewer systems, drinking water supply systems, and stormwater systems, including combined sewer overflow systems that involve:

[Answer yes or no. If all answers "no", an EA or EIS must be completed. If any answer is yes, skip to (b).]

- Yes 1. minor upgrading;
- No 2. minor expansion of system capacity;
- YES 3. rehabilitation (including functional replacement) of the existing system and system components;
- Yes 4. construction of new minor ancillary facilities adjacent to or on the same property as existing facilities; or
- No 5. projects in unsewered communities involving the replacement of existing on-site systems, provided that the new on-site systems do not result in substantial increases in the volume of discharges or in loadings of pollutants from existing sources, and do not relocate existing discharges.

(b) A categorical exclusion may NOT be granted for a department action if:

[Answer yes or no. If all answers "no", skip to (c). If any answer is yes, an EA or EIS must be completed.]

- No 6. the action would authorize facilities that will provide a new discharge or relocate an existing discharge to ground or surface waters;
- No 7. the action would result in an increase above permit levels established for the facility under the Montana pollutant discharge elimination system or Montana ground water pollution control system for either volume of discharge or loading rate of pollutants to receiving waters;
- No 8. the action would authorize facilities that will provide capacity to serve a population at least 30% greater than the existing population;
- No 9. the action is not supported by the state, or other regional growth plan or strategy;
- No 10. the action directly or indirectly involves or relates to upgrading or extending infrastructure systems primarily for the purposes of future development;

No 11. the department has received information indicating that public controversy exists over the project's potential effects on the quality of the human environment;

No 12. the department determines that the proposed project that is the subject of the state action shows some potential for causing a significant effect on the quality of the human environment, based on ARM 17.4.608, or might possibly affect:

- (i) sensitive environmental or cultural resource areas; or
- (ii) endangered or threatened species and their critical habitats.

(c) If the proposed project meets the conditions above in determining use of a CATEX, the reviewer will then complete items 13 - 17 as follows:

[Once all steps 1- 17 are complete, reviewer shall sign and date at bottom. If revocation becomes necessary, reviewer shall initiate an EA or EIS as appropriate.]

Yes 13. Project meets the above Categorical Exclusion criteria.

Yes 14. DEQ determination of Categorical Exclusion.

_____ 15. DEQ distributes the Notice of Determination.

_____ 16. Notice of Publication and cover letter (containing revocation language below) is delivered to recipient.

_____ 17. Notice of Publication published in local newspaper by recipient and evidence of publication provided to reviewer.

(d) The department may revoke a categorical exclusion if:

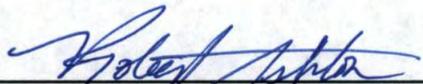
[Only complete the steps below 18 - 21 if revocation of a previously implemented CATEX becomes necessary.]

_____ 18. the project is not initiated within the time period specified in the facility plan, or a new or modified application is submitted;

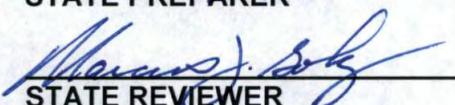
_____ 19. the proposed action no longer meets the requirements for a categorical exclusion because of changes in the proposed action;

_____ 20. new evidence demonstrates that serious local or environmental issues exist; or

_____ 21. state, local, tribal, or federal laws may be violated.



STATE PREPARER



STATE REVIEWER

7/1/2013

COMPLETION DATE



PLAN VIEW OF PRITCHARD WELL SITE



FIGURE 1

**CITY OF HARLOWTON
PRITCHARD WELL HOUSE
IMPROVEMENTS
OVERALL SITE PLAN**



PROJECT: 1-10111
DESIGNED: CAG
DRAWN: CAG
CHECKED: ---
APPROVED: ---
DATE: JUNE 2013

NO.	REVISION DESCRIPTION	BY	DATE