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Subject: Request to recertify environmental documentation  
NH 0002(378)  
Portable Scale Site - Msla  
CN 3455

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Environmental Services has reviewed the above proposed project's impacts and has determined that this proposed project still qualifies as a CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION under the provisions of 23 CFR 771.129(c). The original categorical exclusion was signed 5/30/2001 and is attached, along with the new scope amendment memo (2/15/05). 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:

The Scope-of-Work for the proposed project has been reviewed and has changed. The original scope was to construct a portable scale site, where MCS officers would bring portable scales to weigh the trucks. The project has been changed to include the installation of the following items:

- Communications including phone, fax, and internet connections.
- A Fairbanks Scale, which is a permanent scale.
- A signal pole, and mast arm on the site for signaling trucks.
- A pedestal or signal cabinet to house the connections to the signs, signals, power, communications, and scale connection.
- An inspection pad.

These items will allow MCS officers to use a trailer scale house that connects to the pedestal, and open the scale site. The trailer can then be disconnected and used in other locations for weighing trucks. Although the scale will be located at the site permanently, the operation of the scale will still be a portable/temporary scale site, as the building in which the MCS officers will be working at will be portable, and visually, there will only be a cabinet permanently present onsite

As a result of these changes, we re-evaluated the biological/cultural/hazardous waste etc. impacts and found that in accordance with 23 CFR 771.117(a), this action will neither individually or cumulatively, have any significant environmental impacts. The minor modifications will not result in any additional impacts.

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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).



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