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December 19, 2012

Susie Turner, P.E.  
Public Works Director  
City of Kalispell  
P.O. Box 1997  
Kalispell, MT 59903-1997

RE: Kalispell Digester Lid Project  
WPCSRF Project Number C303214

Dear Ms. Turner:

An environmental review of the above referenced project has been completed by the Water Pollution Control 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, Pre-design Report and the project contract documents available for public review at your office. We have distributed the notice to the enclosed list of agencies. If you have any questions regarding this process or the project in general, you can call me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

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State Revolving Fund Loan Program  
Technical and Financial Assistance Bureau  
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

KALISPELL, MONTANA

SRF #: C303214

PROJECT NAME

KALISPELL DIGESTER REHABILITATION PROJECT

December 19, 2012

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the above named project. This project consists of replacing the failing digester lid at the wastewater treatment facility with a new concrete lid. In addition, a new mixer and gas collection system will also be installed.

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 Preliminary Engineering Report, 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 Kalispell  
Public Works Department  
201 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. East  
Kalispell, MT 59903

Sincerely,

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Technical & Financial Assistance Bureau  
Planning Prevention & Assistance Division  
Montana Department of Environmental Quality