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Curt Fransen, Director

August 6, 2013

Honorable Mayor Reed Peterson
City of Montpelier
534 Washington
Montpelier, Idaho 83254

Subject: Environmental Determination for the City of Montpelier Wastewater
Improvement Project (WWG 331-2010-1)

Dear Mayor Peterson:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed a review of the Environmental Information Document for the City of Montpelier wastewater improvement project and has issued a Categorical Exclusion (Cat Ex) determination. A Cat Ex exempts the referenced project from further substantive environmental review requirements because no environmental effects were found. Enclosed please find a signed copy of the Categorical Exclusion for the referenced project.

DEQ has requested that the *News Examiner*, newspaper of record for the City of Montpelier, publish the enclosed Legal Notice of a Categorical Exclusion (legal notice) for the referenced project one (1) time on Wednesday, August 14, 2013. The legal notice will explain how the public can obtain copies of the full Cat Ex.

The City of Montpelier should keep a copy of the Cat Ex and the legal notice as published for their records. There is no required public comment or waiting period after notification of a Cat Ex. Following publication of the legal notice you may proceed with the closure of the DEQ planning grant.

Wayne Crowther at DEQ Pocatello Regional Office, (208) 239-5012, is your local DEQ contact on the referenced project. Please keep him informed of progress on the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Barry N. Burnell".

Barry N. Burnell
Water Quality Division Administrator

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Enclosures

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Categorical Exclusion Determination for the Proposed City of Montpelier Wastewater Improvement Project, Bear Lake County, Montpelier, Idaho

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has conducted an environmental review and analysis of the June 2013 *Montpelier Sewer System Upgrades Environmental Information Document* in accordance with state procedures for implementing an environmental review under the Rules for Administration of Wastewater Treatment Facility Grants (IDAPA 58.01.04). DEQ has determined that this project does not involve any extraordinary circumstances which require additional environmental analysis and documentation and is therefore eligible for a Categorical Exclusion. Accordingly, the project is exempted from further substantive environmental review requirements under the state environmental review procedures.

The proposed wastewater project includes improvements to the collection and treatment system. The collection system improvements include the replacement of all "Condition 3 and 4" collection lines; approximately 28,000 feet of collection line will be replaced. In addition, the city will repair 60 manholes and construct 30 new manholes. The wastewater treatment improvements include repair of control structures and valves at the existing wastewater lagoons.

DEQ has determined that this project is consistent with criteria for issuing a Categorical Exclusion for the following reasons:

- The proposed facility improvements are solely directed toward minor rehabilitation of existing facilities, functional replacement of equipment, or the construction of new ancillary facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities.
- The facility improvements will not provide the capacity to serve a population that is projected to grow at a rate 25% in excess of the 20-year population growth rate expectations for the state as a whole according to the Idaho Division of financial Management projections, and be expected to change the current system's population by greater than 500 estimated residential units (ERUs).
- There will be no significant effect on the quality of the human environment either individually, cumulatively over time, or in conjunction with other federal, state, local or private actions as a result of this project.
- There will be no direct or indirect affects to (a) cultural resource sites; (b) endangered or threatened species or their habitats; (c) environmentally important natural resource areas such as floodplains, wetlands, important farmlands, aquifer recharge zones; or (d) other resource areas identified in DEQ's guidance.
- The alternative selected by the City of Montpelier for construction is cost-effective and has not caused significant public controversy.

Short term impacts may occur during project construction that includes temporary disruption of the collection system, increased noise, increased dust pollution, increased potential for stormwater runoff, and disruption of localized traffic conditions. The project contractor is responsible for managing the temporary disruptions of the system as follows:

- Air Quality: Temporary dust pollution impacts will be controlled as a condition of the construction specifications in accordance with the DEQ Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho, IDAPA 58.01.01.651 (rule). The rule states that reasonable precautions for dust control and suppression include using water or chemicals, applying dust suppressants, covering trucks, paving, and removing materials. In addition to the rule requirements, it is recommended that a dust prevention and control plan be implemented during construction of the project that includes DEQ Best Management Practices (BMPs) to minimize dust pollution for fugitive dust control.
- Cultural Resources: If archeological artifacts (such as beads, arrow heads, pottery, fabric, grave goods, glass, metal fragments or other human made objects that appear to predate 1960) or human remains

(such as bones, bone fragments or teeth) are inadvertently discovered during construction, ground disturbing activities shall cease and the State Historical Preservation Officer (SHPO), the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe, the Shoshone-Paiute Tribe, and the Shoshone Northwestern Tribe shall be notified. Mitigation measures will be implemented as directed by SHPO and the Tribes, and work will not resume at the discovery site without their consent. If human remains are discovered the City of Montpelier Police Department and the Bear Lake County Coroner will be contacted and work will not resume until law enforcement has also released the site.

- Stormwater: Stormwater runoff shall be handled through an Environmental Protection Agency Stormwater Construction General permit and the development of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). The SWPPP and stormwater BMPs will be implemented prior, during and after project construction to reduce the potential for erosion from runoff.
- Noise impacts from the project construction will be reduced by restricting work hours to reasonable times identified in the construction specifications.
- Any other appropriate BMPs, wherever possible, to avoid or minimize impacts from other construction activities.

Overall, completion of the proposed project will have long term positive effects by improving the efficiency of the wastewater collection system and preventing sewage from entering the environment by replacing corroded and broken sewer mains.

The documentation to support this decision is available for public review on the DEQ web site at www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/grants-loans/environmental-assessment.aspx or at the following locations:

Department of Environmental Quality State Office
Division of Water Quality
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Boise, Idaho 83706
Grant/Loan SERP Contact: Ester Ceja, (208) 373-0585

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Pocatello, Idaho 83201
Regional Office Contact: Wayne Crowther, (208) 239-5012

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City Contact: Mayor Reed Peterson, (208) 847-0824

To comply with the Rules for Administration of Wastewater Treatment Facility Grants (IDAPA 58.01.04), a one-time publication is required in the newspaper of record. DEQ has requested the *News Examiner* publish the Categorical Exclusion legal notice for the City of Montpelier's wastewater improvement project one (1) time on Wednesday, August 14, 2013. The legal notice will inform the public that the proposed project has received a Categorical Exclusion which excludes the project from further environmental review.

The Categorical Exclusion and published notice should be made part of the final facility plan for this project.



Barry N. Burnell
Water Quality Division Administrator

**LEGAL NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FOR THE CITY OF
MONTPELIER WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has determined that the proposed wastewater water improvement project for the City of Montpelier, Bear Lake County, Idaho conforms to the Rules for Administration of Wastewater Treatment Facility Grants (IDAPA 58.01.04) by which the project is eligible for a Categorical Exclusion. Accordingly, the project is exempted from further substantive environmental review requirements.

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Copies of the notice of Categorical Exclusion and the environmental information document upon which it is based are available for public review on the DEQ web site at www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/grants-loans/environmental-assessment.aspx or at the following locations:

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News-Examiner
copy@news-examiner.net

Subject: Legal Notice Publication: Notification of a Categorical Exclusion for the City of Montpelier
Wastewater Improvement Project

Dear News-Examiner:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality requests the enclosed legal notice be published in your newspaper. This request is to satisfy the state rule requirement that the notice of an environmental determination be given in advance of the intended action. To comply with the aforementioned legal requirements and the dates contained in the legal notice, we hereby request the legal notice be published one time, on one day, on Wednesday, August 14, 2013.

Please compress the legal notice by eliminating any unnecessary lines and spaces. A formatted legal notice is attached for your convenience. If you are unable to publish on the requested date, please call for further instructions.

Following publication, please send: one (1) affidavit; one (1) proof of publication; and the billing invoice to:

Dawn Shepherd
Department of Environmental Quality
1410 North Hilton
Boise, Idaho 83706

Failure to send the billing invoice to the address and contact person identified above could result in a delay in the processing of your invoice.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please call Ester Ceja at (208) 373-0585 if you have any questions.

MaryAnna Peavey, DEQ Loan Program Coordinator

Enclosure: Formatted Legal Notice