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January 14, 2014

The Honorable Mayor Trevor Davey
City of Ririe
464 Main Street
Ririe, Idaho 83443

Subject: Categorical Exclusion for the City of Ririe Drinking Water System Improvement Project
Grant No. DWG-128-2012-9

Dear Mayor Davey:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed a review of the environmental information document for the City of Ririe drinking water system 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 is a signed copy of the Cat Ex for the referenced project.

DEQ has requested that the *Post Register*, newspaper of record for the city, publish the enclosed Cat Ex legal notice for the referenced project one time on January 23rd, 2014. The legal notice will explain how the public can obtain copies of the full Cat Ex.

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

William Teuscher at the DEQ Idaho Falls Regional Office, (208) 528-2666, 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 that reads "Barry N. Burnell".

Barry N. Burnell
Water Quality Division Administrator

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Categorical Exclusion Determination for the Proposed

City of Ririe Drinking Water System Improvement Project, Jefferson County, Ririe, Idaho

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has conducted an environmental review and analysis of the December 2013 *City of Ririe Drinking Water Environmental Information Document* in accordance with state procedures for implementing an environmental review under the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) and the "Rules for Administration of Planning Grants for Drinking Water Facilities" (IDAPA 58.01.22). DEQ has determined that this project does not involve any extraordinary circumstances requiring additional environmental analysis and documentation and is therefore eligible for a categorical exclusion (Cat Ex). Accordingly, the project is exempted from further substantive environmental review requirements under the SERP.

The proposed project includes improvements to bring the City of Ririe's drinking water supply and distribution system into compliance with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Drinking Water Rules. The improvements include the following:

- Distribution system improvements
- Installation of new water meters
- Installation of a sand separator for well#3
- Improvements to the existing water storage tank
- Construction of a new 250,000 gallon ground level tank
- Construction of a new well house and pump for well#1
- Purchase spare pump and motor for well#4

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

- 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 is not expected to change the current system's population by greater than 500 estimated residential units.
- 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 Ririe 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 distribution 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 “Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho” (IDAPA 58.01.01.651). IDAPA 58.01.01.651 states that reasonable precautions shall be taken for dust control and suppression by using water or chemicals, applying dust suppressants, covering trucks, paving, and removing materials. In addition to the rule requirements, DEQ recommends that a dust prevention and control plan be implemented during construction of the project that includes best management practices (BMPs) to minimize dust pollution for fugitive dust control. Emergency generators must comply with Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (RICE NESHAPS).
- **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), Shoshone-Bannock Tribe, and Shoshone-Paiute 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 Ririe Police Department and the Jefferson 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 to, 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.
- Implement 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 duration of the system’s fire flow capacity, improving the ability of the City of Ririe to provide water in emergency situations, improving system pressure at the extremities of the system, and improving redundancy and reliability throughout the system.

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

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To comply with the Rules for Administration of Planning Grants for Drinking Water Facilities (IDAPA 58.01.22), a one-time publication is required in the newspaper of record. DEQ has requested the *Post Register* publish the Cat Ex legal notice for the City of Ririe's drinking water improvement project one time on January 23rd, 2014. The legal notice will inform the public that the proposed project has received a Cat Ex, which excludes the project from further environmental review.

The Cat Ex and published legal 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 RIRIE DRINKING WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has determined that the proposed drinking water system improvement project for the City of Ririe, Jefferson County, Idaho, conforms to the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) and the “Rules for Administration of Planning Grants for Drinking Water Facilities” (IDAPA 58.01.22) 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 DEQ’s website at www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/grants-loans/environmental-assessment.aspx or at the following locations:

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