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DEPARTMENT OF
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March 29, 2012

Honorable David Overacre
City of Kimberly
P.O. Box Z
Kimberly, Idaho 83341

RE: CAT EX Reaffirmation for the City of Kimberly Drinking Water System Improvement (DW1011)

Dear Mayor Overacre:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is hereby reaffirming the Categorical Exclusion (Cat Ex) determination issued on March 14, 2011, for the City of Kimberly drinking water system improvement project.

The reaffirmation is issued following review of the following:

- March 2012 *City of Kimberly Water System Facilities Plan and Environmental Determination*,
- An evaluation of the original and current scope of the project,
- The physical environmental conditions of the proposed project area,
- Effects to the environment from the proposed project, and
- The public views of the proposed project.

This reaffirmation satisfies the DEQ environmental review requirements for DEQ drinking water loan #1011, having been issued in accordance with the Rules for Administration of the Drinking Water Loan Program (IDAPA 58.01.20) and the State Environmental Review Process.

A legal notice for a Cat Ex reaffirmation determination is required to be published one time in the newspaper of record for the referenced project. DEQ will request the Cat Ex reaffirmation for the referenced project be published in the *Times News*. DEQ will request the public notice be published on Monday, April 2, 2012.

Please refer any questions regarding the proposed project to Brian Reed at the DEQ Twin Falls Regional Office (208-736-4259). If you have any questions regarding the Cat Ex reaffirmation contact Ester Ceja at the DEQ State office (208-373-0585).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barry N. Burnell".

Barry N. Burnell
Water Quality Division Administrator

Enclosure: Legal notice

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