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May 25, 2016

The Honorable Noel Weir, Mayor  
City of Hagerman  
P.O. Box 158  
Hagerman, Idaho 83332

RE: Categorical exclusion for the Hagerman Wastewater Improvement  
(WWG-358-2012-14) (WW1603)

Dear Mayor Weir:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed an environmental review of the environmental information document for the Hagerman Wastewater Improvements 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 pertinent to State Environmental Review Process (SERP) criteria. Issuance of a Cat Ex or omission of any regulatory requirement from environmental review does not absolve the applicant from meeting all applicable regulations. Enclosed is a signed copy of the Cat Ex for the referenced project.

DEQ has requested that the *Times-News*, newspaper of record for the City of Hagerman, publish the enclosed Cat Ex legal notice for the referenced project one time on June 2, 2016. The legal notice will explain how the public can obtain copies of the full Cat Ex.

The City of Hagerman 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, DEQ will proceed with the closure of the planning grant and issuance of the State Revolving Fund loan.

Joe Otero at DEQ Twin Falls Regional Office (208) 737-3885, is your local DEQ contact on the referenced project. Please keep him informed of progress on the project.

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Sincerely,



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Water Quality Division Administrator

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May 25, 2016

**Categorical Exclusion Determination for the Proposed  
Hagerman Wastewater Improvements, Gooding County, Hagerman, Idaho**

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has conducted an environmental review and analysis of the May 4, 2016 *City of Hagerman Wastewater Facilities Plan* for the City of Hagerman, in accordance with state procedures for implementing an environmental review under the State Environmental Review Process (SERP), “Rules for Administration of Wastewater Treatment Facility Grants” (IDAPA 58.01.04), and “Rules for Administration of Water Pollution Control Loans” (IDAPA 58.01.12). 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). This Cat Ex applies to components of the project described below. Accordingly, those components of the project are exempted from further substantive environmental review requirements under the SERP. **Issuance of a Cat Ex or omission of any regulatory requirement from environmental review does not absolve the applicant from meeting all applicable regulations.**

Project Description:

- Add lined winter storage ponds Cell #3 and Cell #4;
- Apply treated wastewater to cropland by slow rate land application;
- Retain the right to NPDES discharge;
- Replace Lift Station #1 in place; and
- Replace Lift Station #2 at a location approximately ¼ mile west of its current location.

DEQ has determined that this project is consistent with criteria for issuing a Cat Ex 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 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.
- Cross-cutting consultations were not considered due to project funding. DEQ federal funds will not be used for construction.
- The alternative selected by the City of Hagerman 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 and treatment systems, 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.
- 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 reducing pollutant loads to the Snake River.

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](http://www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/grants-loans/environmental-assessment.aspx) or at the following locations:

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Water Quality Division  
1410 North Hilton  
Boise, Idaho 83706  
Grant/loan SERP contact: Mike May (208) 373-0406

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality  
Twin Falls Regional Office  
650 Addison Avenue West, Suite 110  
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301  
Regional Office contact: Joe Otero (208) 737-3885

City of Hagerman  
191 State Street North  
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Contact: Karen Woods (208) 837-6636

A one-time publication is required in the newspaper of record. DEQ has requested the *Times-News* publish the Cat Ex legal notice in English and Spanish for the City of Hagerman Wastewater improvements one time on June 2, 2016. The legal notice will inform the public that the proposed project has received a Cat Ex, which excludes the project from further environmental review under the SERP.

The Cat Ex and published legal notice should be made part of the final planning document for this project.

*Barry N. Burnell*

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Barry N. Burnell  
Water Quality Division Administrator

LEGAL NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FOR THE  
HAGERMAN WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has determined that the proposed wastewater improvements for the City of Hagerman, Gooding County, Idaho, conforms to the State Environmental Review Process (SERP), “Rules for Administration of Wastewater Treatment Facility Grants” (IDAPA 58.01.04), and “Rules for Administration of Water Pollution Control Loans” (IDAPA 58.01.12), by which the project is eligible for a categorical exclusion (Cat Ex). Accordingly, the project is exempted from further substantive environmental review requirements under the SERP. **Issuance of a Cat Ex or omission of any regulatory requirement from environmental review does not absolve the applicant from meeting all applicable regulations.**

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Copies of the notice of Cat Ex 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](http://www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/grants-loans/environmental-assessment.aspx) or at the following locations:

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## AVISO LEGAL DE EXCLUSIÓN CATEGÓRICA PARA LAS MEJORAS DE AGUAS RESIDUALES DE HAGERMAN

El Departamento de Idaho de calidad ambiental ha determinado que la propuesto de las mejoras aguas residuales para la ciudad de Hagerman, Condado de Gooding), Idaho, cumple con el Proceso de Revisión Ambiental del Estado, " Reglas para la Administración de aguas residuales tratamiento instalaciones de Beca" y "Reglas para la Administración de Agua Contaminación Control de Préstamos" por el cual el proyecto es elegible para una exclusión categórica (CatEx). En consecuencia, el proyecto está exenta de otros requisitos de la revisión ambiental sustantiva debajo del Proceso de Revisión Ambiental del Estado. Emisión de un CAT EX o descuido de cualquier requerimiento regulatorio de revisión ambiental no es excusa para el solicitante de cumplir todas las regulaciones apropiadas.

### Descripción del proyecto:

- Añadir un alineado estanque para el invierno de almacenamiento Célula #3 and Célula #4
- Aguas residuales tratadas se aplican a campos de cultivo por el uso de tierra de ritmo lento;
- Conservan el derecho de descarga NPDES
- Reemplazar estación de elevación #1 en su lugar; y
- Reemplazar estación de elevación #2 en un lugar aproximadamente ¼ milla al oeste de su actual localización.

Copias de la notificación de CAT EX y están disponibles para la revisión pública en sitio web de DEQ en el documento de información ambiental que se basa [www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/grants-loans/environmental-assessment.aspx](http://www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/grants-loans/environmental-assessment.aspx) o en los siguientes lugares:

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