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C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor
John H. Tippetts, Director

August 19, 2016

The Honorable David Porterfield, Mayor
City of Notus
PO Box 257
Notus, Idaho 83656

RE: Concurrence with the categorical exclusion for the City of Notus Wastewater Improvements
(WWG-345-2012-1)

Dear Mayor Porterfield:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has reviewed the finding of categorical exclusion (Cat Ex) prepared and issued by the US Department of Agriculture Rural Development (RD) for the City of Notus Wastewater Improvements on July 5, 2016. DEQ concurs with the Cat Ex made as the environmental determination by RD on July 5, 2016, and hereby adopts it to satisfy DEQ's environmental document review requirements for the referenced project.

A Cat Ex is required to be published one time in the *Idaho Press-Tribune*, newspaper of record. DEQ will complete the publication requirement by requesting the Cat Ex legal notice for the referenced project be published in the *Idaho Press-Tribune*. DEQ will request the legal notice be published on August 24, 2016. The legal notice will explain how the public can obtain copies of the full Cat Ex.

Refer any comments regarding technical considerations to Kevin Ryan in the Boise Regional Office at (208) 373-0184 or via e-mail at Kevin.Ryan@deq.idaho.gov. Refer comments regarding the environmental review to Mike May in the State Office at (208) 373-0406 or via Michael.May@deq.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

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

Barry N. Burnell
Water Quality Division Administrator

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LEGAL NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
FOR THE PROPOSED CITY OF NOTUS WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has reviewed the categorical exclusion (Cat Ex) prepared and issued by the US Department of Agriculture Rural Development (RD) on July 5, 2016, for the City of Notus Wastewater Improvements. DEQ concurs with the Cat Ex made as the environmental determination by RD, and hereby adopts it to satisfy the DEQ environmental document review requirements for the referenced project. Accordingly, this project is exempted from additional substantive environmental review requirements 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).

The project will consist of:

- dredge & seepage test lagoons 1,2 &3
- install influent screen
- install disinfection
- install aeration in lagoon 1 and possibly 2 & 3
- install flow measurement devices
- repair & replace priority 1 & 2 collection system mains and manholes

Copies of the planning and environmental documents upon which the Cat Ex is based and the DEQ Cat Ex concurrence with RD 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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1410 North Hilton
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Grant/loan SERP contact: Mike May (208) 373-0406

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