



STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor
Toni Hardesty, Director

October 4, 2011

Honorable Martin Luttrell
City of Melba
P.O. Box 209
Melba, Idaho 83641

RE: Environmental Determination for the City of Melba Drinking Water System Improvements
(DWG-85-2007-9)

Dear Mr. Luttrell:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed an environmental review of the project referenced above and has issued a Categorical Exclusion (Cat Ex) determination. A Cat Ex exempts the project from further substantive environmental review requirements because no significant environmental effects are expected. Enclosed please find a signed copy of the Categorical Exclusion for the referenced project.

DEQ has requested that the *Idaho Press-Tribune* newspaper publish the enclosed Legal Notice of Categorical Exclusion (legal notice) for the referenced project one (1) time on Thursday, October 6, 2011. The legal notice will explain how the public can obtain copies of the full Cat Ex.

The City 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 public notification of a Cat Ex. Following publication of the legal notice you may proceed with design and construction of the proposed project in accordance with DEQ requirements.

Valerie Greear at the DEQ Boise Regional Office (208) 373-0459, is your local DEQ contact on the referenced project. Please keep her 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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Enclosures

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