



NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA
WPCSRF #: C302250
HELENA WASTEWATER CAST-IN-PLACE-PIPE REHABILITATION 2022 - Amended
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Old concrete and clay sanitary sewer pipes at several locations within the City of Helena are in poor condition and subject to infiltration of groundwater and exfiltration of untreated wastewater into the ground. Some pipes are at risk of failure, including blockages, back-ups, and collapse. Older pipe with offset joints, displacement and cracking requires more frequent cleaning and maintenance which increases operational costs for the City of Helena.

This publication serves as an amendment to the department's categorical exclusion published on March 12th and 19th, 2023. The amendment covers an additional 965 linear feet of pipe that will be rehabilitated in-situ using cured-in-place-pipe (CIPP). The additional work is located in two different areas of the city: within North Harris Street from Poplar Street south to Walnut Street, and the 100 block of Valley Drive to the east of Capital High School. The new sewer mains will eliminate sewer backups, thereby protecting public health and safety. Soil and groundwater contamination from the old leaking sewer mains will also be eliminated as a result of the project.

Pursuant to ARM 17.40.318, the Department has concluded that the proposed project meets the Categorical Exclusion criteria of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). The Categorical Exclusion may be revoked if the project is not initiated within the time period specified in the facility plan, a new or modified application is submitted, new evidence demonstrates serious local or environmental issues exist, or state, local, tribal, or federal laws are violated. The documentation for the Categorical Exclusion is available for public review at the following locations and online at <http://deq.mt.gov/public/water-public>:

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State Revolving Fund Loan Program
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Helena, MT 59601

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316 N Park Ave, Room 421
Helena, MT 59623

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Abrahamson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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