

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION ABSAROKEE, MONTANA ABSAROKEE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

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The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has reviewed the above-named project. The project consists of the installation of approximately 16,500 feet of PVC water main, 6-inch, 8-inch, and 10-inch diameter, 27 fire hydrants, and all associated appurtenances.

The locations of the water mains to be installed may be viewed on the map on the DEQ website under citizen engagement/public comment/environmental assessments or by request to either of the contacts listed below.

Potential contaminant sources, including leaks from petroleum storage tanks, were identified in the project area in Absarokee. The contract documents will require the construction contractor to stop work and contact the project engineer and DEQ if either contaminated soils or groundwater are discovered during excavation for installation of water mains in Absarokee.

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 documentation for the Categorical Exclusion is available for public review at the following locations:

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