



NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
TOWN OF STANFORD, MONTANA  
TEST WELL PROJECT

June 5, 2018

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the above-named project. The project will install a 4,000-foot deep test well into the Madison aquifer. The well will be drilled in Stanford's existing well field located north of U.S. Highway 87. The well will be tested for quantity and quality and based on these results a determination will be made on the well's viability as a water source for the town of Stanford. If the well can be used as a water source a set of project plans and specifications will be produced for final well completion and connection to the existing system.

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 planning documents, 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:

Department of Environmental Quality  
State Revolving Fund Loan Program  
1520 East Sixth Avenue  
Helena, MT 59601

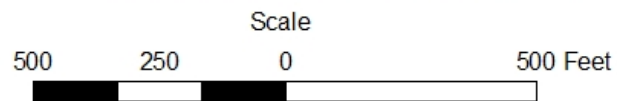
Town of Stanford  
102 Central Avenue  
Stanford, MT 59479

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark A. Smith".

Mark Smith, Acting Bureau Chief  
Engineering Bureau  
Water Quality Division  
Montana Department of Environmental Quality

Figure 1. Stanford Proposed Madison Well Potential Contaminant Source Review



**Legend**

- ▲ CityWells
- ▲ MadisonWell
- Proposed Madison Well 1/2-mile Buffer
- City-County Roads
- U.S. Highway
- MT Highway

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