



NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
TOWN OF CHESTER, MONTANA
WPCSRF #: C304242
COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

May 4, 2018

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the Town of Chester Wastewater Collection System Improvements project. The project consists of rehabilitation of approximately 6,100 feet of 8 and 10-inch clay sewer pipe in Chester, MT.

The existing wastewater collection system was constructed in the 1940 and 50's. Improvements proposed are to install "Cured-In-Place Pipe" to restore wastewater mains that have been identified as leaking via the Town and engineer. Video camera recordings have been used to evaluate wastewater mains from inside for sections that leak or have root intrusions. The segments to be lined have been identified as the worst segments within the collection system and during wet weather and spring snow melt contribute significant amounts of clear water to the lagoon treatment ponds. The improvements will be completed within the footprint of the existing sewer collectors and most of the work will be subsurface with excavations only at ends of runs to allow the contractor to pull the inflatable liner through the existing piping. The work will be on property owned or under easement by the city.

Pursuant to ARM 17.40.318, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality 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 Preliminary Engineering Report, a new or modified application is submitted, or 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 Chester
22 W Madison Avenue
Chester, MT 59522

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul LaVigne", is written over a horizontal line.

Paul LaVigne, Section Supervisor
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Water Quality Division
Montana Department of Environmental Quality

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