

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
CITY OF CUT BANK, MONTANA
PHASE 4 - WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

July 17, 2020

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the above-named project. The project consists of installing approximately 2,500 lineal feet of 8-inch PVC water main, 2,900 lineal feet of 6-inch PVC water main, and all associated valves, fire hydrants, fittings, service lines, service connections and asphalt replacement. The water distribution work will include approximately 135 lineal feet of jacking and boring operations. The project also includes the replacement of a one million-gallon steel water storage tank with a new one million-gallon prestressed concrete water storage tank with all associated site work, controls, telemetry, pipe, fittings and appurtenances. The new tank will be constructed adjacent to the City's existing tank off Eden Road. The proposed water distribution work will replace aging and undersized water mains along the following streets:


- 2nd Ave SW (between 2nd Street SW and 1st Street SW),
- 1st Ave SW (between 2nd Street SW and Main Street)
- Central Ave (between 2nd Street SW and 2nd Street NE)
- 5th Ave SE (between 3rd Street SE and 2nd Street SE)
- 8th Ave SE (between 4th Street SE and 3rd Street SE)

The project construction specifications note the potential to encounter petroleum contaminated soil or water within the project site and include language on the procedures to follow if this were to occur. 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, 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

Cut Bank City Hall
221 West Main Street
Cut Bank, MT 59427

Sincerely,


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