



NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
CITY OF MISSOULA UPPER AND LOWER LINCOLN HILLS WATER STORAGE TANK
REPLACEMENT PROJECT
UPPER LINCOLN HILLS STORAGE TANK (220,000-GALLONS) AND LOWER LINCOLN
HILLS STORAGE TANK (180,000 GALLONS)

May 4, 2021

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the above-named project. This proposed project consists of the replacement of two water storage tanks in Lincoln Hills of the Upper Rattlesnake in Missoula, Montana. The existing Upper and Lower Lincoln hills storage tanks have been in operation between 45 and 55 years and are nearing their design life. This replacement project is to take place this year (2021).

The Upper Lincoln Hills storage tank is presently a 41,000-gallon above-grade bolted steel tank. This tank will be replaced with a 220,000-gallon concrete tank. The tank will have an interior height of 21'-0" and an interior diameter of 46'-8".

The Lower Lincoln Hills storage tank is presently a 35,000-gallon below-grade concrete storage tank. This tank will be replaced with a 180,000-gallon concrete storage tank with an interior height of 17'-6" and an interior diameter of 43'-6".

In addition to the tank replacement described above, the proposed project includes the following:

- An overflow and overflow piping will be installed at each tank.
- The existing storage tanks will be removed from the site.
- The existing water main within the Upper Lincoln Hills Storage Tank project area will be extended to connect the two new tanks. The proposed pipe will be 12-inch ductile iron.
- Appropriate American Water Works Association, City of Missoula, and Montana Public Works Standard Specifications will be utilized. Beyond referenced standards, project will be constructed accordance with approved plans and specifications meeting the requirement of design circular DEQ-1.

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:

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