



NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
CITY OF WOLF POINT, MONTANA  
WPCSRF #: C304264  
Phase 3 Wastewater Improvements  
March 12, 2026

The wastewater collection system for the City of Wolf Point (City) was constructed in the 1930's and is comprised of vitrified clay and concrete pipe that has reached the end of its useful life. Problems with the deteriorated sewer mains include infiltration of ground water into the pipes, areas of root and deposit buildups, and exfiltration of sewage to surrounding soils and groundwater. These deficiencies result in unanticipated repairs, increased operation and maintenance costs, potential sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs), and potential permit violations. A 2024 Preliminary Engineering Report evaluated and selected preferred alternatives for rehabilitating the City's wastewater collection system. The Phase 3 project, proposed for 2026, consists of cured-in-place-pipe (CIPP) rehabilitation of approximately 1,650 linear feet (LF) of sewer and open cut replacement of approximately 2,300 LF of sewer and 15 manholes. The project is a continuation of a sewer replacement program started in 2022. The project will ensure safe and reliable conveyance of wastewater to the City's WWTF, and protect public health, safety, and the environment by reducing sanitary SSOs and ensuring that discharge limits are achieved.

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 specified in the facility plan, 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 and online at <http://deq.mt.gov/public/water-public>:

Department of Environmental Quality  
State Revolving Fund Loan Program  
2401 Colonial Avenue  
Helena, MT 59601

City of Wolf Point  
201 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South  
Wolf Point, MT 59201

Sincerely,

*Michael Abrahamson*

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Section Supervisor  
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Montana Department of Environmental Quality

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**PLAN VIEW OF OVERALL STIE PLAN, CONTROL AND SHEET INDEX**

**CONTROL POINT  
COORDINATE TABLE**

CONTROL PT	NORTHING	EASTING	ELEVATION	DESCRIPTION
CP-1	2398048.559	2466716.575	1999.300	REBAR W/ OPC
CP-2	2397386.895	2464070.509	1998.560	REBAR W/ OPC
CP-3	2397863.728	2466119.262	1998.070	REBAR W/ OPC
CP-4	2394720.079	2466106.708	1987.050	REBAR W/ OPC
CP-5	2396244.863	2466762.500	1987.940	REBAR W/ OPC
CP-6	2396279.240	2464087.968	1997.210	REBAR W/ OPC
CP-7	2395823.217	2463883.315	1992.320	REBAR W/ OPC
CP-8	2395916.601	2466610.529	1987.630	REBAR W/ OPC
CP-9	2395481.067	2466674.302	1987.860	REBAR W/ OPC
CP-10	2395531.628	2464165.496	1995.820	REBAR W/ OPC
CP-11	2395146.743	2466610.658	1989.180	REBAR W/ OPC
CP-12	2395145.292	2464110.908	1995.040	REBAR W/ OPC
CP-13	2394726.959	2464110.044	1988.670	REBAR W/ OPC
CP-14	2394501.558	2465129.328	1992.090	REBAR W/ OPC
CP-15	2395299.476	2465086.064	1994.030	REBAR W/ OPC
CP-16	2394646.153	2465584.206	1987.380	REBAR W/ OPC
CP-17	2395660.492	2465614.987	1988.560	REBAR W/ OPC
CP-18	2395910.598	2464414.642	1994.910	REBAR W/ OPC
CP-19	2395866.082	2465146.997	1993.790	REBAR W/ OPC
CP-20	2395098.365	2466102.032	1988.190	REBAR W/ OPC
CP-21	2395531.945	2466044.307	1987.160	REBAR W/ OPC
CP-22	2396293.940	2466046.793	1989.710	REBAR W/ OPC
CP-23	2396246.904	2465055.790	1995.940	REBAR W/ OPC
CP-24	2397005.127	2466111.399	1995.790	REBAR W/ OPC
CP-25	2398013.257	2466355.743	1998.550	PK NAIL
CP-26	2397678.069	2465063.017	2000.870	REBAR W/ OPC

**NOTES:**

- OPC=ORANGE PLASTIC CAP WITH TEXT "UELS CONTROL POINT" STAMPED ON TOP.
- OPC PLACED ON 3/8"x24" REBAR.

**SURVEY NOTES:**

- SURVEY PERFORMED BY UINTAH ENGINEERING & LAND SURVEYING.
- CONTROL POINTS 1-17 WERE USED AS TARGET POINTS FOR NINE DRONE FLIGHTS.
- SURFACE CREATED USING POINTS CREATED FROM NINE DRONE FLIGHTS.
- TOPOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SUCH AS MANHOLES, WATER VALVES AND OTHER UTILITIES WERE COLLECTED BY SURVEY GRADE GPS RECEIVERS.

**SCHEDULES**

- SCHEDULE #1
- SCHEDULE #2
- SCHEDULE #3

NO.	REVISION DESCRIPTION	BY	DATE

PROJECT: 2-17115-TO 8  
 DESIGNED: CAG  
 DRAWN: CAG  
 CHECKED: TB  
 APPROVED: ---  
 DATE: 02-10-2026



**CITY OF WOLF POINT, MONTANA  
WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS  
PHASE 3**

OVERALL SITE PLAN, CONTROL AND SHEET INDEX

SHEET NO.  
**3**  
OF 18

CHAPTER III – ATTACHMENT D

DOCUMENTATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION CHECKLIST

Project Name / Brief Description: Wolf Point Phase 3 Wastewater Improvements /

CIPP of 1650 LF sewer main, open cut replacement of 2300 LF sewer and 15 manholes

Project Number: C304264

Date: 1/30/2026

Preparer: Pete Behrends, PE

The Department action under Title 75, chapter 5, part 11 and or chapter 6, part 1 or 2, MCA, is excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS) if the application for department review is for any of the following projects:

**(a) Projects relating to existing infrastructure systems such as sewer systems, drinking water supply systems, and stormwater systems, including combined sewer overflow systems that involve:**

*[Answer yes or no. If all answers "no", an EA or EIS must be completed. If any answer is yes, skip to (b).]*

- no 1. minor upgrading;
- no 2. minor expansion of system capacity;
- yes 3. rehabilitation (including functional replacement) of the existing system and system components;
- no 4. construction of new minor ancillary facilities adjacent to or on the same property as existing facilities; or
- no 5. projects in unsewered communities involving the replacement of existing on-site systems, provided that the new on-site systems do not result in substantial increases in the volume of discharges or in loadings of pollutants from existing sources, and do not relocate existing discharges.

**(b) A categorical exclusion may NOT be granted for a department action if:**

*[Answer yes or no. If all answers "no", skip to (c). If any answer is yes, an EA or EIS must be completed.]*

- no 6. the action would authorize facilities that will provide a new discharge or relocate an existing discharge to ground or surface waters;
- no 7. the action would result in an increase above permit levels established for the facility under the Montana pollutant discharge elimination system or Montana ground water pollution control system for either volume of discharge or loading rate of pollutants to receiving waters;
- no 8. the action would authorize facilities that will provide capacity to serve a population at least 30% greater than the existing population;
- no 9. the action is not supported by the state, or other regional growth plan or strategy;
- no 10. the action directly or indirectly involves or relates to upgrading or extending infrastructure systems primarily for the purposes of future development;

no 11. the department has received information indicating that public controversy exists over the project's potential effects on the quality of the human environment;

no 12. the department determines that the proposed project that is the subject of the state action shows some potential for causing a significant effect on the quality of the human environment, based on ARM 17.4.608, or might possibly affect:

- (i) sensitive environmental or cultural resource areas; or
- (ii) endangered or threatened species and their critical habitats.

**(c) If the proposed project meets the conditions above in determining use of a CATEX, the reviewer will then complete items 13 - 17 as follows:**

*[Once all steps 1- 17 are complete, reviewer shall sign and date at bottom. If revocation becomes necessary, reviewer shall initiate an EA or EIS as appropriate.]*

yes 13. Project meets the above Categorical Exclusion criteria.

yes 14. DEQ determination of Categorical Exclusion.

pending 15. DEQ distributes the Notice of Determination.

pending 16. Notice of Publication and cover letter (containing revocation language below) is delivered to recipient.

pending 17. Notice of Publication published in local newspaper by recipient and evidence of publication provided to reviewer.

**(d) The department may revoke a categorical exclusion if:**

*[Only complete the steps below 18 – 21 if revocation of a previously implemented CATEX becomes necessary.]*

\_\_\_\_\_ 18. the project is not initiated within the time period specified in the facility plan, or a new or modified application is submitted;

\_\_\_\_\_ 19. the proposed action no longer meets the requirements for a categorical exclusion because of changes in the proposed action;

\_\_\_\_\_ 20. new evidence demonstrates that serious local or environmental issues exist; or

\_\_\_\_\_ 21. state, local, tribal, or federal laws may be violated.

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**STATE PREPARER**

*Mike Abrahamson*

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**STATE REVIEWER**

**3/12/2026**

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**COMPLETION DATE**