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Greg Olsen, Public Water Supply Bureau Chief Montana Department of Environmental Quality 1520 East Sixth Avenue Helena, Montana 59620

Re: Review of Montana's Capacity Development Strategy

Dear Mr. Olsen:

Thank you for submitting the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's Water Quality Division Public Water Supply Capacity Development Strategy titled, *The State of Montana Capacity Development Strategy for Public Water Supply Systems 2022* to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on December 14, 2022.

My staff has reviewed Montana's proposed strategy and have determined it is consistent with the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requirements, as amended by the America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA). Therefore, I approve the strategy revision for Montana.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing work to public health through the drinking water Capacity Development program. If you or your staff have any questions or comments, please contact Bob Clement at 303-312-6653 or at clement.robert@epa.gov

Sincerely,

Darcy O'Connor, Director Water Division

cc: Michael Kropp, Capacity Development Coordinator Benjamin Bents, SRF Manager Bob Clement, EPA Capacity Development Manager