



**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

**CITY OF MISSOULA, MONTANA**

**MOUNT AVENUE AND SOUTH 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET WEST WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT**

June 23, 2021

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the above-named project. The project consists of installing approximately 925 lineal feet of 8-inch Class 350 ductile iron pipe along Mount Avenue and approximately 170 lineal feet of 12-inch Class 350 ductile iron pipe including 80 lineal feet of 20-inch steel casing at the railroad crossing along South 14<sup>th</sup> Street West. Both locations include all associated valves, hydrants, fittings, service lines, service connections, and surface repair. The proposed project will replace aging and undersized water mains along Mount Avenue and South 14<sup>th</sup> Street West.

The project construction specifications will note the potential to encounter petroleum or other types of contaminated soil or water within the project site and includes 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, 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

Missoula City Hall  
435 Ryman  
Missoula, MT 59802

Sincerely,

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