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## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FOR THE PROPOSED WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECT FOR THE SOUTH DURANGO SANITATION DISTRICT

The Water Quality Control Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has conducted a review of the proposed Water Pollution Control project for the South Durango Sanitation District in accordance with EPA and the State of Colorado procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR Part 6) and the State of Colorado NEPA-like policy (SRF Operating Agreement). The State has determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Accordingly, the State is exempting the project from further substantive environmental review requirements under the above stated policies.

## Project Description:

The proposed project is to expand the existing wastewater treatment plant to provide adequate capacity until 2020. The project will be funded by a Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund loan in the amount of \$800,000 at 2%. The project will increase the user rates by \$3.73 per tap, per month.

## Criteria for Granting a Categorical Exclusion under 40 CFR parts 6.107 and 6.505

The action proposed will ensure compliance with current and future water treatment standards. The following criteria condition the allowance of the categorical exclusion for the proposed action:

- The minor rehabilitation of existing facilities;
- The minor upgrades and expansions of existing treatment works in sewered communities (sewer extensions are not included).

The documentation to support this decision will be on file at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Water Quality Control Division, in Denver, Colorado and is available for public scrutiny upon request. Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to:

> Erick Worker, Project Manager Grants and Loans Unit Water Quality Control Division Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South Denver, Colorado 80246

Dated this 25 day of February, 2012.

Steven H. Gunderson, Director Water Quality Control Division