



**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION
FOR THE PROPOSED DRINKING WATER PROJECT FOR
THE FLORISSANT WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT**

The Water Quality Control Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has conducted a review of the proposed drinking water project for the Florissant Water and 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 project originally received a Categorical Exclusion in October of 2013 for the installation of new drinking water filtration system and associated appurtenances, and rehabilitation of well number 4. The replacement of existing water meters are now eligible project components and the project has been expanded to include the installation of a pretreatment/water storage tank and chemical pretreatment system. The project will continue to be funded by the existing Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan in the amount of \$847,920. Upon closing of the loan, 100% of the principal amount will be forgiven, and the project will not increase user rates. The project by design would not increase the drinking water demand for the planning area.

Criteria for Granting a Categorical Exclusion under 40 CFR part 6.204

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

- Construction of additional facilities adjacent to existing facilities which do not affect the degree or capacity of treatment by more than 30% of the existing population;
- Minor upgrades and expansions of existing water systems in communities of 10,000 population or less (distribution line extensions are not included);
- Functional replacement of equipment.

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:

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Dated this 15th day of April, 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Pfaltzgraff', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patrick J. Pfaltzgraff
Director, Water Quality Control Division