



**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION
FOR THE PROPOSED WASTEWATER PROJECT FOR
ESTES PARK 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 Estes Park 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 consists of improvements to the existing wastewater treatment plant including a new headworks facility, odor control facilities, process improvements for metal removal, and UV disinfection. The project will be funded in part by a Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund loan in the amount of \$3,250,000 at an interest rate of 2%, of which \$377,270 of principal will be forgiven at loan closing. The project will increase the monthly user rate by \$7.80. The project by design will not increase the wastewater 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 wastewater treatment standards. The following criteria condition the allowance of the categorical exclusion for the proposed action:

1. Construction of new ancillary facilities either adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities which do not affect the degree or capacity of treatment;
2. 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:

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Dated this 30th day of January, 2015.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick J. Pfattzgraff', written over the printed name below.

Patrick J. Pfattzgraff
Director, Water Quality Control Division