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## **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION** **FOR THE DRINKING WATER PROJECT FOR** **THE CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS**

The Water Quality Control Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has conducted a review of the additional Drinking Water project for the **City of Manitou Springs** 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 original project was the installation of a raw water interconnection water transmission line with Colorado Springs Utilities from Rampart Reservoir, replace 18 pressure reducing valves, replace and construct the water distribution line, install 6 pressure sensors throughout the distribution system with telemetry equipment, install 13 new isolation valves on Manitou Avenue water main that are approximately 500 ft apart, and the installation of an online fluorine analyzer at the water treatment plant. The additional project component is the construction of a 30 foot wide by 20 foot high settling tank adjacent to the existing water treatment plant.

The proposed project is does not accommodate any increase in the drinking water demand.

### 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:

- Construction of additional facilities adjacent to existing facilities which do not affect the degree or capacity of treatment by more than 30 percent of the existing population.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2011

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven H. Gunderson", written in a cursive style.

Steven H. Gunderson, Director  
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