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## **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

TO ALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS:

As required by guidelines for the preparation of environmental impact statements, an environmental review has been performed on the proposed action below:

Project: City of Rifle New Regional Water Purification Facility  
Location: Garfield County, Colorado  
Project No.: 020007D  
Total Cost: \$27,456,400

### **Project Description**

The project consists of constructing a new regional water purification facility with 6 million gallons per day (mgd) capacity expandable to 8 mgd. This will also include solids handling facilities. The project will be funded by a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan in the amount of \$25,000,000 at 3%. The rate increase will be \$40.12 per month. A vote for a 0.5% sales tax increase will go to vote which would decrease the monthly user rate.

The review process did not indicate that significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed action. Consequently, a preliminary decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been made. The action is taken on the basis of a careful review of the engineering report, environmental assessment, and other supporting data that are on file in the Water Quality Control Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and are available for public review upon request.

Comments supporting or disagreeing with this decision may be submitted for consideration to:

Louanna Cruz, Project Manager  
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After evaluation of the comments received, the Division will make a final decision; however, no administrative decision will be taken on the project for at least 30 calendar days after release of the Finding of No Significant Impact.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steven H. Gunderson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Steven H. Gunderson  
Director, Water Quality Control Division