



**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION  
FOR THE PROPOSED WASTEWATER PROJECT FOR  
THREE LAKES 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 Three Lakes Water and Sanitation District in accordance with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and 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:

Due to remaining loan funds the district has expanded the project to include the replacement of two additional lift stations and appurtenant equipment in addition to the original project scope, which included replacement of two lift stations and construction of appurtenant equipment.

The project will be funded by an existing Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund loan in the amount of \$2,000,000 at an interest rate of 2 percent. The original loan required an increase in user rates by \$2.37 per month.

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:

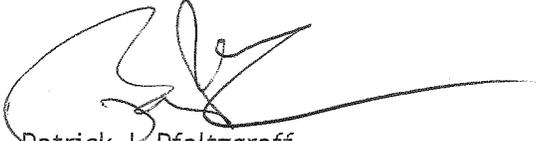
- Functional replacement of equipment;
- Construction of new ancillary facilities either adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities which do not affect the degree or capacity of treatment.

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 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2016.

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Patrick J. Pfaltzgraff  
Division Director  
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