



CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION
FOR THE PROPOSED WASTEWATER PROJECT FOR
TOWN OF GILCREST

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 Town of Gilcrest 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:

The proposed project consists of wastewater treatment facility upgrades, biosolids removal in treatment lagoons, removal and replacement of liners, fencing upgrades, headworks upgrades, new blower and controls, upgrades to aeration diffuser system, new blower building, new effluent pump station, new pumps, new dewatering and underdrain system, and site work. The project will be funded by a Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund loan in the amount of \$1,090,000 at an interest rate of 1%. The project will increase the user rates by \$2.10 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:

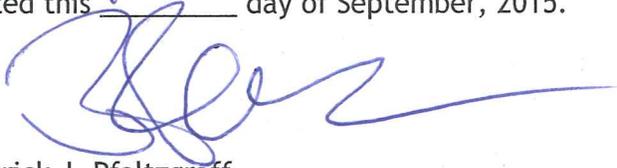
- Minor rehabilitation of existing facilities;
- Functional replacement of equipment;
- Construction of new ancillary facilities either adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities which do not affect the degree or capacity of treatment;
- Minor upgrades and expansions of existing treatment works in sewer 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 ^{19th} day of September, 2015.

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

Patrick J. Pfaltzgraff
Division Director
Water Quality Control Division