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C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor  
Curt Fransen, Director

August 9, 2013

Honorable Nanette Rhodes, Mayor  
City of Cambridge  
P.O. Box 220  
Cambridge, Idaho 83610

RE: Environmental Determination for the City of Cambridge Wastewater Improvement Project (WWG-341-2011-7)

Dear Mayor Rhodes:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed a review of the Environmental Information Document for the City of Cambridge wastewater improvement project. The potential impacts on a number of environmentally sensitive resources were evaluated in the environmental review. The city's project engineer consulted with a number of appropriate state and federal agencies regarding relevant issues. The project meets state and federal criteria for issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) since the environmental review process indicated no significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed project.

A FONSI legal notice will be published in the *Upper Country Reporter*, newspaper of record for the city. DEQ has requested the *Upper Country Reporter* publish the legal notice one (1) time, on one (1) day, on Thursday, August 15, 2013. The legal notice will explain how the public can obtain a copy of the full FONSI for review and will give instructions on how they can submit comments. A 30 day public comment period will follow the FONSI legal notice publication. Should there be public comments and concerns related to the project or FONSI, DEQ may ask your help in preparing responses.

Following the 30 day public comment period, any significant comments or concerns will be considered and incorporated as appropriate into the *final* FONSI determination for the referenced project. After issuance of the *final* FONSI, and with approval of all technical considerations in the facility plan, DEQ will be able to close the DEQ planning grant.

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Jack Gantz at the DEQ Boise Regional Office, 208- 373-0599, is your local DEQ contact on the referenced project. Please keep him informed of progress on the project.

Sincerely,



Barry N. Burnell  
Water Quality Division Administrator

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Enclosures

c: MaryAnna Peavey, DEQ State Office  
Charlie Parkins, DEQ State Office  
Jack Gantz, DEQ Boise Regional Office  
Andy Gehrke, Holladay Engineering Company, ([andy@holladayengineering.com](mailto:andy@holladayengineering.com))  
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## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

**Date:** August 9, 2013  
**To:** All Interested Government Agencies, Public Groups, and Individuals  
**Subject:** Environmental Determination for the City of Cambridge Wastewater Improvement Project

In accordance with the Rules for Administration of Wastewater Treatment Facility Grants (IDAPA 58.01.04), an environmental review has been performed and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been issued by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on the project described below:

Project:	City of Cambridge Wastewater Improvement Project
Location:	Cambridge, Washington County, Idaho
DEQ Grant Number:	WWG 341-2011-7
DEQ Grant Costs:	\$37,500.00
Total Loan Project Cost:	\$2,349,000.00

### PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF IMPACTS:

**Purpose of Project:** The purpose of the proposed project is to replace sections of the aging collection system that contributes to high infiltration and inflow (I/I).

**Description of the Project:** The proposed project includes the Priority 1 collection line improvements, which consists of 8 inch and 10 inch line replacement throughout the city. Additionally, the city is proposing upgrades to the Rush Creek lift station and improvements to the wastewater treatment facility. Improvements to the wastewater treatment facility include the following: construction of influent and effluent flow meter stations; installation of a supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system; rehabilitation or replacement of deteriorated piping and valving; the building up of the lagoon dikes; and possible sludge removal and disposal.

**Direct and Indirect Impacts:** An environmental information document (EID) was prepared by Holladay Engineering Company (Holladay), consulting engineer for the City of Cambridge. Holladay and DEQ consulted with the appropriate state and federal agencies regarding relevant environmentally sensitive resources. Based on consultation with agency experts, Holladay and DEQ evaluated the potential short and long term impacts, and the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the wastewater improvement project. The evaluation emphasized site specific components of the environment that are most likely to be impacted by the construction and operation of the proposed improvements. The results of the project evaluation indicate there will be environmental effects from the referenced project as described below.

Short term impacts may occur during project construction that includes temporary disruption of the collection system, increased noise, increased dust pollution, increased potential for stormwater runoff, and disruption of localized traffic conditions. The project contractor is responsible for managing the temporary disruptions of the system as follows:

- **Air Quality:** Temporary dust pollution impacts will be controlled as a condition of the construction specifications in accordance with the DEQ Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho, IDAPA 58.01.01.651 (rule). The rule states that reasonable precautions for dust control and suppression include using water or chemicals, applying dust suppressants, covering trucks, paving, and removing materials. In addition to the rule requirements, it is recommended that a dust prevention and control plan be implemented during construction of the project that includes DEQ Best Management Practices (BMPs) to minimize dust pollution for fugitive dust control.
- **Cultural Resources:** If archeological artifacts (such as beads, arrow heads, pottery, fabric, grave goods, glass, metal fragments or other human made objects that appear to predate 1960) or human remains (such as bones, bone fragments or teeth) are inadvertently discovered during construction, ground disturbing activities shall cease and the State Historical Preservation Officer (SHPO), the Nez Perce Tribe, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe, the Shoshone-Paiute Tribe, and the Burns-Paiute General Council shall be notified. Mitigation measures will be implemented as directed by SHPO and the Tribes, and work will not resume at the discovery site without their consent. If human remains are discovered the City of Cambridge Police Department and the Washington County Coroner will be contacted and work will not resume until law enforcement has also released the site.
- **Stormwater:** Stormwater shall be avoided by having equipment available to put appropriate containment systems into service in a timely manner. Examples of containment systems include silt fences, temporary berms, and vegetative or mulch cover, and installing drains to control surface runoff and to minimize soil loss.
- **Floodplain:** New and replacement work within flood prone areas will need to be designed to minimize and or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the system and discharges from the system into flood waters.
- Noise impacts from the project construction will be reduced by restricting work hours to reasonable times identified in the construction specifications.
- Any other appropriate BMPs, wherever possible, to avoid or minimize impacts from other construction activities.

The project contractor will also obtain the following permit(s):

- A floodplain development permit
- Any other local, state or federal permit required for activities taking place during project construction.

**Beneficial Impacts:** Overall, the completion of the proposed project will have long term positive effects to water quality resulting from a reduction in I/I.

**Finding:** The review process did not indicate significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed action. Consequently, a preliminary decision has been made that an Environmental Impact Statement does not need to be prepared for the proposed project. Instead, a FONSI is hereby issued by DEQ. This decision is made following a careful review of the June 2013 *Wastewater Facility Plan*, July 18, 2013 *Appendix L Environmental Information Document for the Cambridge Wastewater Facility Plan*, and supporting documentation.

**AVAILABILITY OF COPIES:**

Copies of the notice of a FONSI, June 2013 *Wastewater Facility Plan*, July 18, 2013 *Appendix L Environmental Information Document for the Cambridge Wastewater Facility Plan*, and supporting documentation upon which it is based are available for public review on the DEQ web site at <[www.deq.idaho.gov/public-comment-opportunities](http://www.deq.idaho.gov/public-comment-opportunities)> or at the following locations:

Department of Environmental Quality State Office  
Division of Water Quality  
1410 North Hilton  
Boise, Idaho 83706  
Grant/Loan SERP Contact: Ester Ceja, 208-373-0585

Department of Environmental Quality, Boise Regional Office  
1445 N. Orchard Street  
Boise, Idaho 83706  
Regional Office Contact: Jack Gantz, 208-373-0599

City of Cambridge  
80 S. Superior Street  
Cambridge, Idaho 83610  
Contact: Mayor Nanette Rhodes, 208-257-3318

The public will be informed about the proposed project and their opportunity for comment through the *Upper Country Reporter*, one time in the Thursday, August 15, 2013 publication.

**Public Comments:** Comments supporting or disagreeing with this decision must be submitted on the DEQ web site <[www.deq.idaho.gov/public-comment-opportunities](http://www.deq.idaho.gov/public-comment-opportunities)> or addressed to:

Department of Environmental Quality  
Division of Water Quality  
Grant and Loan Program  
1410 North Hilton Street  
Boise, Idaho 83706  
Attention: Ester Ceja, Grant/Loan SERP Staff

All comments must be postmarked or delivered on or before September 16, 2013. After an evaluation of public comment, DEQ will make a final decision. No administrative action will be taken on the project for at least thirty (30) calendar days after publication of the draft FONSI Notice.



Barry N. Burnell  
Water Quality Division Administrator

## LEGAL NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

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City of Cambridge Wastewater Improvement Project  
Washington County  
Cambridge, Idaho

This environmental determination was made as a result of the review process indicating no significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed project. There may be several environmental effects from the referenced project as described below.

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**Copies Available:** Copies of the *full* FONSI, the facility plan, the Environmental Information Document and supporting documentation upon which it is based are available for public review on the DEQ web site at [www.deq.idaho.gov/public-comment-opportunities](http://www.deq.idaho.gov/public-comment-opportunities) or at the following locations:

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Ester Ceja, Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, Loan Program, 1410 N. Hilton Street, Boise, Idaho 83706.

Such comments must be postmarked or delivered on or before Monday, September 16, 2013. Public comments will be considered in finalizing the planning phase of the project. No administrative action will be taken on the project for at least thirty (30) calendar days from the date of publication.

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August 9, 2013

Upper Country Reporter  
reporter@ctcweb.net

RE: Legal Notice Publication: Notification of a Finding of No Significant Impact for  
the City of Cambridge Wastewater Improvement Project

Dear Upper Country Reporter:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality requests the enclosed legal notice be published in your newspaper. This request is to satisfy the state rule requirement that the notice of an environmental determination be given in advance of the intended action. To comply with the aforementioned legal requirements and the dates contained in the legal notice, we hereby request the legal notice be published one time, on one day, on Thursday, August 15, 2013.

Please compress the legal notice by eliminating any unnecessary lines and spaces. A formatted legal notice is attached for your convenience. If you are unable to publish on the requested date, please call for further instructions.

Following publication, please send: one (1) affidavit; one (1) proof of publication; and the billing invoice to:

Dawn Shepherd  
Department of Environmental Quality  
1410 North Hilton  
Boise, Idaho 83706

Failure to send the billing invoice to the address and contact person identified above could result in a delay in the processing of your invoice.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please call Ester Ceja at 208-373-0585 if you have any questions.

MaryAnna Peavey, DEQ Loan Program Coordinator

Enclosure: Formatted Legal Notice