

Form 5-G
Sample Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

Date

To: *(Name of Borrower)*

Subject: *(Name of Project)* Environmental Determination

In accordance with the (“*Rules for Administration of Planning Grants for Drinking Water Facilities*” (IDAPA 58.01.22), and/or the “*Rules for Administration of Drinking Water Loan Program*” (IDAPA 58.01.20)), 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 proposed project below:

Project:

Location:

Project Loan/Grant Number:

Total Grant and/or Loan Project Cost:

Purpose: The purpose of the proposed project is to *(briefly describe the purpose and need of the project)*.

Description of Project: *(Describe the construction activities that will be completed in relation to the purpose and need of the proposed project.)*

Direct and Indirect Impacts: *(Briefly indicate whether any environmentally sensitive elements such as floodplains, wetlands, historical sites, important farmlands, or threatened or endangered species will be harmed by the proposed project and whether the impacts will be direct or indirect. Briefly state mitigation measures that have been applied to offset the negative impacts.)*

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 action is taken following a careful review of the planning document, environmental information document (EID), and supporting data.

Availability of Copies: Copies of the FONSI, EID, and the *(planning document)* and supporting documentation upon which it is based are available for public review on DEQ’s website at www.deq.idaho.gov/public-comment-opportunities or at the following locations:

Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Water Quality
1410 North Hilton Street
Boise, Idaho 83706
Attention: Grant/Loan SERP Contact
Telephone Number

Department of Environmental Quality
(Regional Name) Regional Office
Regional Office Address
Regional Office Address

Attention: *Project Engineer*
Telephone Number

(Applicant)
(Applicant Address)
(Applicant telephone number)

The public will be notified of the proposed project through the (*name of newspaper*), one time on (Month, day, year).

Public Comments: Comments supporting or disagreeing with this decision may be submitted for consideration by DEQ. All comments concerning the (*name of project*) FONSI should be addressed to:

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Division of Water Quality
1410 North Hilton Street
Boise, Idaho 83706
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All comments must be postmarked or delivered on or before (*30 days following date of publication of the notice*). 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 FONSI.

Sincerely,

Name

Administrator, Water Quality Division