

Form 5-E Sample Categorical Exclusion Determination

(Date)

Categorical Exclusion Determination for the Proposed

(Name of Project), (Name of County) County, (City or Town), Idaho

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has conducted an environmental review and analysis of the *(date, name of planning document/and the categorical exclusion support document/EID for town, city, or sewer district)* in accordance with state procedures for implementing an environmental review under the State Environmental Review Process (SERP), “Rules for Water Pollution Control Loans” (IDAPA 58.01.12), and/or the “Rules for Wastewater Treatment Facility Grants” (IDAPA 58.01.04). DEQ has determined that this project does not involve any extraordinary circumstances requiring additional environmental analysis and documentation and is therefore eligible for a categorical exclusion (Cat Ex). (If project is a multiple phased project, identify which phases the Cat Ex applies to.) Accordingly, the project *(or specify phases of the project)* is exempted from further substantive environmental review requirements under SERP.

Project Description: *(Insert a brief description of the proposed project here.)*

(Insert a brief statement of why the proposed project meets the criteria for granting a categorical exclusion. Sample language follows.)

DEQ has determined that this project is consistent with criteria for issuing a categorical exclusion for the following reasons:

- The proposed facility improvements are solely directed toward minor rehabilitation of existing facilities, functional replacement of equipment, or the construction of new ancillary facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities.
- (Include this item for Cat Ex wastewater projects that are moving forward with replacement of on-site system). Actions in unsewered communities involving the replacement of existing on-site systems, provided the new on-site systems do not result in substantial increases in the volume of discharge or the loadings of pollutants from existing sources, or relocate existing discharge.
- The facility improvements will not provide the capacity to serve a population that is projected to grow at a rate 25% in excess of the 20-year population growth rate expectations for the state as a whole according to the Idaho Division of Financial Management projections, and is not expected to change the current system’s population by greater than 500 estimated residential unit.
- There will be no significant effect on the quality of the human environment either individually, cumulatively over time, or in conjunction with other federal, state, local, or private actions as a result of this project.
- There will be no direct or indirect affects to (a) cultural resource sites; (b) endangered or threatened species or their habitats; (c) essential fish habitat; (d) environmentally important

natural resource areas such as floodplains, wetlands, important farmlands, aquifer recharge zones; or (e) other resource areas identified in DEQ's guidance.

- The alternative selected by the (*name of applicant*) for construction is cost-effective and has not caused significant public controversy.

The (*project contractor or other identified responsible party*) is responsible for managing temporary disruptions of the system as well as noise, dust pollution, and stormwater runoff related to construction of the project. (*Insert standard mitigation language as appropriate for temporary disruptions.*)

Overall, completion of the proposed project will have long-term positive effects by improving (*briefly describe beneficial effects here*).

The documentation to support this decision is on file and available for public review on DEQ's website at www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/grants-loans/environmental-assessment.aspx or at the following locations:

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

Department of Environmental Quality
Name of Regional Office
Regional Office Address
Regional Office Address
Name of Regional SRF Staff Engineer, P.E.
Phone Number

Applicant
Applicant Address
Applicant Address
Phone Number

A one-time publication is required in the newspaper of (record or greatest distribution). DEQ has requested that the (*name of newspaper*) newspaper publish the Cat Ex legal notice for (*project name*) one time on (*month day, year*). The legal notice will inform the public that the proposed project has received a Cat Ex which excludes the project from further environmental review.

The Cat Ex and published notice should be made part of the final planning document for this project.

Sincerely,

(*Name*)
Water Quality Division Administrator