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DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor
Toni Hardesty, Director

October 3, 2011

Carla Poelstra, Secretary
Oden Water Association
1790 East Shingle Mill Road
Sandpoint, Idaho 83864

RE: Environmental Determination for the Oden Water Association Membrane Filter Plant Retrofit Project
(DWL#TBD)

Dear Mrs. Poelstra:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed an environmental review of the project referenced above and has issued a Categorical Exclusion (Cat Ex) determination. A Cat Ex exempts the referenced project from further substantive environmental review requirements because no environmental effects were found. Enclosed please find a signed copy of the Categorical Exclusion for the referenced project.

DEQ has requested that the *Bonner County Daily Bee* newspaper publish the enclosed Legal Notice of Categorical Exclusion (legal notice) for the referenced project one (1) time on Thursday, October 6, 2011. The legal notice will explain how the public can obtain copies of the full Cat Ex.

The Association should have a copy of the Cat Ex and the legal notice as published for their records. There is no required public comment or waiting period after public notification of a Cat Ex. Following publication of the legal notice you may proceed with design and construction of the proposed project in accordance with DEQ requirements.

Mr. John Tindall at the DEQ Coeur d'Alene Regional Office (208-769-4626), is your local DEQ contact on the referenced project. Please keep him informed of progress on the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barry N. Burnell".

Barry N. Burnell
Water Quality Division Administrator

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Enclosures

c: Tim Wendland, DEQ State Office
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