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Toni Hardesty, Director

January 3, 2012

Sherri Timmons
Riverbend Estates Home Owners Association
3134 Sage Street
American Falls, Idaho 83211

RE: Environmental Determination for the Riverbend Estates Home Owners Association
Drinking Water System Improvements (DWG-84-2007-8)

Dear Ms. Timmons:

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 *Power County Press* newspaper publish the enclosed Legal Notice of Categorical Exclusion (legal notice) for the referenced project one (1) time on Wednesday, January 11, 2012. The legal notice will explain how the public can obtain copies of the full Cat Ex.

The Association should retain a copy of the Cat Ex and the legal notice as published for its 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. Craig Borrenpohl at the DEQ Pocatello Regional Office is your local DEQ contact on the referenced project. Please keep him informed of progress on the project. He can be reached at (208) 236-5016.

Sincerely,

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

Barry N. Burnell
Water Quality Division Administrator

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Enclosures

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