

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

For the City of Laramie and Lead Service Line Project-Phase I,
In Albany County, Wyoming

The Department of Environmental Quality/Water Quality Division (DEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed Lead Service Line Project-Phase I in accordance with EPA and State of Wyoming procedures for implementing the State Environmental Review Process. DEQ has determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Accordingly, DEQ is exempting the project from further substantive environmental review requirements under the State Environmental Review Process. Neither an Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact nor an Environmental Impact Statement/Record of Decision will be required for the proposed action. The following is a brief description of the situation and the proposed action and a brief statement of how the action meets the criteria for a categorical exclusion.

The proposed project location in Albany County, WY, City of Laramie, WY within T16N, R73W, 6th P.M. involves identifying connector material of 8,591 water service lines that were determined to be made up of unknown materials in their 2024 Lead Service Line inventory. The City is requesting funding to purchase a hydro-vac truck to assist in complying with the Lead Service Line regulation posed by the EPA. This project will assist with the City's compliance with federal regulations and help reduce future costs in compliance with federal Lead and Copper regulations.

Based on current estimates, the City of Laramie plans to borrow \$640,000 from the Wyoming Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund administered by the Wyoming Office of State Lands and Investments. Current user fees will repay the 7-year loan and do not require an increase in rates at this time.

The City of Laramie is aware of and accepts the fact that they will be responsible for any required mitigative actions associated with the project including, but not limited to, storm water runoff, erosion control, archeological/historic artifacts, and air quality concerns. These actions will be part of the standard State Revolving Funds Program contract conditions.

DEQ is granting an exclusion because the vast majority of the connections to be investigated reside underneath already developed city streets or alleys and are positioned on city water mains.

This project will be completely constructed in previously disturbed ground, specifically ground disturbed by already developed city streets or alleys.

DEQ has determined that exempting the proposed project from further review under the State Environmental Review Process will not result in adverse impacts to the population or the area of the City of Laramie, and Albany County, Wyoming.

The determination shall become effective upon distribution by the Department and may be re-evaluated and the determination changed at any time that adverse information is made available. The documentation to support this decision will be on file in the DEQ Cheyenne Office and is available for public review upon request. To request a copy of the categorical exclusion, contact:

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