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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

PROJECT: Mobridge, South Dakota Water Tower Replacement and Improvements

TO: All Interested Government Agencies and the Public

TOTAL COST: \$ 881,818 (portion of the project funded by EPA)

EPA GRANT: \$ 485,000

LOCAL MATCH: \$ 396,818

As required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), an environmental review has been performed on the proposed U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant for the above project that will be funded in part by EPA through a Special Purpose Grant Funds.

This project will replace a 100,000 gallon elevated water reservoir that is reaching end of useful life and rehabilitate a 500,000 gallon elevated water reservoir. It will also resolve current and peak water demand and emergency storage issues and equalization problems caused by the relative elevations of the existing two elevated water reservoir.

The proposed project will have few environmental impacts other than the typical impacts of a short term construction and demolition project such as dust, traffic, and noise. The project will replace the historic water tower now in service. Mitigation measures to document the historic water tower are in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed by the South Dakota Department of the Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the EPA, the City of Mobridge, and the South Dakota State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO). The MOA outlines the steps to be taken before the old water tower can be torn down. All of the stipulations have been met. Attached to the Environmental Assessment (EA) is a copy of the correspondence between DENR and SHPO.

The review process did not indicate that significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed action. Consequently, a preliminary decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement has been made. This action is taken on the basis of careful review of the *Environmental Assessment for Mobridge, South Dakota Water Tower Improvements* prepared for this project. Copies of the document are available at the Mobridge City Hall at 114 1st, or on line at <http://www.epa.gov/region8/compliance/nepa/docs.html>.

Comments supporting or disagreeing with this decision may be submitted for consideration by the EPA to:

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After evaluating the comments received, EPA will make a final decision. No administrative action will be taken on the project for at least 30 calendar days after release of the Finding of No Significant Impact.

Sincerely,



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