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Paul Eckley, Public Works Director
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Re: City of Silverton Sewage Treatment Plant
File No. 81395
Approval for DEQ Plan Review Exemption for Gravity Sewers
WQ – Marion County

Dear Mr. Eckley:

By letter dated April 27, 2016, the City of Silverton requested exemption from DEQ plan review for all gravity sewer collection system projects. In accordance with ORS 468.742, the Department of Environmental Quality is responsible for the final approval of all designs for wastewater projects in Oregon. Changes made in 1999 to OAR 340-052 allow the Department to grant exemptions from aspects of final plan review for which the Department's review would be redundant.

To receive an exemption, the City must agree to review projects for conformance with design standards and guidelines meeting the Department's approval. The city has agreed in writing to comply with and enforce the Department's standards for gravity sewers.

The city has adopted the following design standards for such projects:

- Oregon Standard Specifications for Construction and Oregon Standard Drawings, also referred to as "ODOT/APWA Standards.
- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality guidelines as referenced in the City's 2016 request for plan review exemption.
- Wastewater Facilities Plan, approved by DEQ in 2007.

The City of Silverton is hereby exempt from the plan review requirements for gravity sewer system projects as set forth in OAR 340-52-015, provided the following conditions are satisfied:

1. As of the date of this letter the designated registered professional engineers responsible for gravity sanitary sewer plan review are Mr. Paul Eckley, P.E., Oregon registration number

12860PE, and John Cramer, P.E., Oregon registration No. 19356PE. Both engineers are employed by the City of Silverton. If either of the designated registered professional engineers terminate employment with the city, the city must notify the Department in writing within 5 days. If a registered professional engineer does not remain on city staff or is contracted within 30 days of when the vacancy begins, this exemption is terminated. The City may reapply for an exemption once another registered professional engineer is hired or contracted.

2. No construction, installation, or modification projects involving gravity sewerage systems or common sewers shall be commenced without prior written approval of the City's review engineer.
3. Collection system projects shall be designed and constructed in accordance with approved City standards, and shall conform to the rules and guidelines of the Department. Plans and specifications shall be reviewed for conformance by qualified sanitary engineering staff or independent consultants not associated with the design. Designs and/or proposals that deviate from such standards shall be cleared in writing by the Department.
4. Projects funded with Clean Water State Revolving Fund financing are subject to special requirements, as established in the loan agreement. Inclusion of such projects under the City's exemption from plan review will be considered on a project-by-project basis. For all projects, the City shall require a written certification of proper construction from the design engineer as required under OAR 340-052-0040. These certificates shall be kept on file and made available for Department review.
5. The Department reserves the right to revoke the City of Silverton's plan review exemption upon documentation of a reduction in staff of experienced sanitary engineers qualified to perform reviews, or upon non-compliance with the provisions of OAR 340-052-0045, the City's NPDES permit, or this letter of conditional approval.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact me at the (503) 378-4995.

Sincerely,



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