



PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION  
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September 5, 2017

Susan Cunningham, Director  
Environmental Science Associates  
2863 NW Crossing Drive, Suite 100  
Bend, OR 97701

Re: Environmental Review for City of Pendleton (PWS ID #4100613);  
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund; SD-2016-144

Dear Ms. Cunningham:

Oregon Drinking Water Services (DWS) received an Environmental Information Document (EID), finalized in August 2017, for the City of Pendleton's water system improvement projects. The proposed project elements funded by the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and covered by this determination are listed in Appendix B of the submitted EID.

Having reviewed the submitted information, DWS hereby issues an initial finding of no significant impact (FNSI) determination. Public comments supporting or disagreeing with the decision to issue the FNSI may be submitted to DWS for consideration. All comments concerning the FNSI for this project must be addressed to:

OHA - Drinking Water Services  
PO Box 14450  
Portland, Oregon 97293-0450  
Attention: Environmental Review Coordinator

The City must issue a public notice in a newspaper of general circulation notifying the public of this proposed decision. A sample notice is enclosed with this letter. A dated copy of the notice as it appears in the newspaper or official affidavit of publication must be submitted to our office for verification. In addition, any individuals or groups whom the City knows or believes would be interested in this determination must be notified of the proposed decision.

Following a period of 30 days after publication of the notice, the City must notify DWS of any comments received. DWS will evaluate all public comments and make a final determination. **The project may not proceed until final approval is granted.**

This FNSI determination is contingent upon strict adherence to all the requirements, terms, and conditions outlined in the Capacity Assessment Summary Report, EID, DWSRF contract, and related correspondence. Failure to comply with any of the referenced conditions, or failure to adhere to all local, state and federal permitting requirements, may trigger DWS, or another responsible agency, to require additional environmental review documentation and/or requirements. All recommended measures to minimize project impacts identified in the following document shall be incorporated into the project:

- City of Pendleton Water System Improvement Projects, Environmental Information Document. Environmental Science Associates, May 2017.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me via e-mail at [debra.g.lambeth@state.or.us](mailto:debra.g.lambeth@state.or.us) or by phone at (971) 673-0405.

Sincerely,



Debra Lambeth, P.E.  
Environmental Review Coordinator - DWSRF  
OHA Drinking Water Services

Enclosures: Sample Public Notice

cc: Bob Patterson, Public Works Director, City of Pendleton  
Shanna Bailey, Regional Project Manager, Business Oregon  
243 SE 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Pendleton, OR 97801  
Bill Goss, OHA DWS

## APPENDIX C

### Sample Newspaper Public Notice of the Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) Determination

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Date : \_\_\_\_\_

#### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

**To:** All Interested Government Agencies, Public Groups, and Concerned Citizens

**From:** *[Insert the Water System Name here]*

**Subject:** In accordance with rules and procedures implementing the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, an environmental assessment (EA) has been performed by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) - Drinking Water Services on the proposed project *[Insert Project, Location here]*

**Purpose / Summary:**

*[Insert a brief description and purpose of the proposed project. Identify any environmentally sensitive elements impacted such wetlands, flood plains, historic sites, prime agricultural lands, or threatened or endangered species that could be harmed by the proposed project.]*

**Finding:** OHA has reviewed the environmental information document (EID) submitted by *[Water System Name]*. Following the review, OHA hereby issues a Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) and determines that an environmental impact report (EIR) is not necessary. This decision is based on a review of the information contained in the EID and any supporting data. The EID and any supporting data are available for public viewing at:

Oregon Health Authority  
Drinking Water Services  
800 NE Oregon Street; Suite 640  
Portland, Oregon 97232

**Public Comments:** Comments supporting or disagreeing with the decision to issue the FNSI may be submitted for consideration by OHA. All comments concerning the FNSI for the above project must be addressed to:

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Drinking Water Services  
Attn. Environmental Review Coordinator  
P.O. Box 14450  
Portland, Oregon 97293-0450

All comments must be received by the close of business on [*Specify a date 30 days from publication*]. After an evaluation of public comment, OHA will make its final decision. No action will be taken on the project until the close of the comment period.