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C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor
Curt Fransen, Director

November 27, 2012

Honorable Ross Langseth, Mayor
City of Arco
P.O. Box 196
Arco, Idaho 83213

RE: Environmental Determination for the City of Arco Drinking Water System Improvement Project
(DWG 111-2011-4)

Dear Mayor Langseth:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed a review of the environmental information document (EID) for the City of Arco drinking water system improvement project. The potential impacts on a number of environmentally sensitive resources were evaluated in the environmental review. The City of Arco's project engineer consulted with a number of appropriate state and federal agencies regarding relevant issues. The project meets state and federal criteria for issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) since the environmental review process indicated no significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed project.

A FONSI legal notice will be published in the *Arco Advertiser*, newspaper of record for the City of Arco. DEQ has requested the *Arco Advertiser* publish the legal notice one (1) time, on one (1) day, on Thursday, December 6, 2012. The legal notice will explain how the public can obtain a copy of the full FONSI for review and will give instructions on how they can submit comments. A 30 day public comment period will follow the FONSI legal notice publication. Should there be public comments and concerns related to the project or FONSI, DEQ may ask your help in preparing responses.

Following the 30 day public comment period, any significant comments or concerns will be considered and incorporated as appropriate into the *final* FONSI determination for the referenced project. After issuance of the *final* FONSI, and with approval of all technical considerations in the facility plan, DEQ will be able to close out the planning grant.

Willie Teuscher, DEQ Idaho Falls Regional Office, (208) 528-2666, is your local DEQ contact on the referenced project. Please keep him informed of progress on the project.

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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