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Environmental Protection Agency 1860 Lincoln Street Denver, Colorado 80203

Attn: Mr. Paul Ferraro, Planning Dept.

> Re: Mesa County Sanitation System Form EPA-1, 1973 Survey of Needs A-95 Applications Nos. 73-02-23-01, -02 and -03

Gentlemen:

The Form EPA-1 was sent to Mr. Frank J. Rozich of the Water Pollution Control Division of the Colorado State Department of Public Health on June 10, 1973, and the A-95 Applications identified above were sent to Mr. Philip Schmuck, State Planning Director, on February 21, 1973.

In January of this year, 1973, the Board of Commissioners of Mesa County, Colorado authorized me to proceed on their behalf to exercise the authority vested in them pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute, 1963, Chapter 36, Article 29, Secs. 1-22. As you probably know, this Article 29 gives broad powers to the Boards of County Commissioners in providing adequate sewer and water systems for the inhabitants.

Many areas in Mesa County are in dire need of adequate sewer facilities. There is no problem with reference to providing water for domestic, commercial and irrigation purposes.

1) Project A-95-73-02-23-01 relates to a treatment system presently estimated to cost \$1,300,000.

2) Project A-95-73-02-23-02 relates to collection facilities presently estimated to cost \$2,533,000.

3) Project A-95-73-02-23-03 relates to collection systems covering another part of Mesa County and presently estimated to cost \$3,445,000.

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In 1971, a group of private citizens and organizations raised \$7,500 and secured from Western Engineers, Inc. a preliminary report and master plan for a proposed Mesa Basin Sanitation District. This report has been the basis for completing and submitting the above-identified applications.

There is need now for more planning to arrive at feasible plans that can be adopted by the Mesa County Board of County Commissioners so that adequate financing can be sought and secured from public and private sources to permit the preparation and execution of plans for collection systems, transmission facilities and treatment facilities relating to sewer and water pollution problems in Mesa County.

A copy of this letter has been sent to Mr. Kenneth Webb, Planning Dept., Colorado Dept. of Public Health, 4210 E. 11th Ave., Denver, Colorado, 80220, as indicated below so that there will be simultaneous applications to state and federal agencies for planning monies for the purposes set forth above. If either of you have forms which must be completed and submitted, will you please send them to us.

Yours very truly,

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Albin Anderson, Attorney for Mesa County Sanitation System

AA/s

xc: Mr. Kenneth Webb Mr. Ted J. Ford, Mesa County Budget Officer Western Engineers, Inc.