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Mesa County Commissioners  
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Gentlemen:

We understand a "Proposed Master Plan Study and Report - Existing and Proposed Sanitation Facilities - Grand Valley Area of Mesa County, Colorado" is proposed by the Mesa County Sanitation System Committee of Grand Junction.

The Water Quality Control Division of the Department of Health contracted with the firm of Nelson, Haley, Patterson, and Quirk, Inc., in December, 1973, to do a Water Quality Management Plan for the Colorado River Basin. The terms of the contract call for a preliminary completion of the plan from the Grand Lake area to Glenwood Springs by July 1, 1974 (including the Gunnison River) and the remainder of the Basin by March, 1975. Actual work on the plan in Mesa County would, therefore, take place next fall. Since our consulting firm will not be working on the area below Glenwood Springs for some months, close liaison with Mesa County has not been established; however, the Council of Governments for Planning and Management Region II has been advised of our planning process and progress.

In reviewing the outline of the proposed study by Western Engineers, it would appear their study would duplicate, to a considerable extent, the contents of the Basin Plan we have engaged N.H.P.Q. to develop.

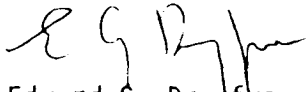
The 1972 amendments to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act require a Facilities Plan (Sec.201) before an E.P.A. construction grant can be made to a community. A 201 plan can be financed at 75 percent under a Step I grant if the community is eligible under the state priority system. The 201 plan requires a delineation of the urbanized area and a lead agency to make an application. The objectives and scope of 201 plans are quite different than a basin water quality management plan. The proposed scope of study as outlined by Western Engineers will probably not meet 201 planning requirements.

To avoid a duplication of effort and expense, it might be advantageous for all interested parties (i.e., Mesa County Commissioners, City of Grand Junction, Mesa County Sanitation System Committee, Environmental Protection Agency, and Colorado Water Quality Control Division) to get together and coordinate their planning efforts. We recommend the Mesa County Commissioners take the initiative in arranging for such a meeting.

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If there are any questions, please feel free to contact either Mr. Gregory Misbach, 2000 Mesa Avenue, Grand Junction (phone 243-4112) or Mr. Kenneth Webb, 4210 East 11th Avenue, Denver, 80220 (phone 388-6111, ext. 231).

Very truly yours,



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