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Mr. Albin Anderson, Attorney
for Mesa County Sanitation System
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501

Re: Mesa County Sanitation System

Dear Mr. Anderson:

This is in reply to your letter of June 23, 1974, concerning the availability of current information regarding grant assistance for treatment plants and collection systems.

The EPA administers grants for construction of sewage treatment systems as provided by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972. Eligible under the Act are collection sewers, however, it is the State's responsibility each year to establish a priority list for future projects in the State. The priority list is used to determine which projects will be funded from the State's allotment. The State assigns Federal funds to municipalities beginning at the top of the list and proceeding from higher to lower priority projects until the fiscal year funds have been completely allocated. In determining where a project is placed on the priority list, the State considers the severity of the pollution problem, the population affected, the need for high quality waters and national priority as well as total funds available. At this time, treatment facilities receive the highest priority since Colorado does not have sufficient funds to cover all the needs of their various communities. When this list is established, the State Agency holds a public hearing on the list, and submits this list to the Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

For further information regarding the State and EPA's role in the tendering of grants, you may wish to contact Mr. Frank J. Rozich, Director, Water Quality Control Division, Colorado Department of Health, 4210 East 11th Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80220. Mr. Rozich can also furnish you information regarding Colorado's grant program.

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Loan funds may be available from the Farmers Home Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture. I suggest that you contact Mr. Leo French, State Director at 1 Diamond Plaza, 2490 W. 26th Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80211 for information on their program. In addition, under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, there is established the Environmental Financing Authority. However, obtaining a loan under this authority, requires obtaining a grant for the construction of waste treatment works before the loan provision can become effective. Enclosed for your information is a copy of pages 20788 through 20790 of the Federal Register published on June 14, 1974, which contain the regulations promulgated by EPA to carry out the Environmental Financing Act.

If you should have additional questions regarding this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

OR
DONALD P. DUBOIS
John A. Green
Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Frank J. Rozich
Mr. Ernie Phillips

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