



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Reply To
Attn Of: OW-136

Patsy Kinyon, Clerk
City of Castleford
PO Box 626
Castleford, ID 83321

Re: PWS ID#5420010 Arsenic exemption application

Dear Ms. Kinyon:

Thank you for submitting an application for arsenic exemption for the City of Castleford, which we received September 29, 2003.

We have conducted an initial review of the materials you enclosed with the application. While it appears that you have provided the bulk of what is required in order for EPA to make a determination, a key component is missing. What we need is an answer to section #23 of the arsenic application, which asks for proposed dates to (a) secure funding, (b) finish the capital improvements, and (c) comply with the new arsenic standard.

We cannot grant an open-ended arsenic exemption request. Your request for additional time to meet the new standard must include specific dates by which each milestone will be achieved. If we decide to grant an arsenic exemption, the compliance schedule that you have proposed will be published in a local newspaper and an opportunity for a public hearing offered. Once that schedule is approved and finalized (via an exemption action), failure to meet those milestones will result in termination of the arsenic exemption.

All that said, we do see strong evidence of your community's proactive attempts to comply with the new arsenic standard by contracting with a consulting engineer. We look forward to working with you to come up with a compliance schedule.

If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at (206) 553-8504 or e-mail at green.richard@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Green

cc: Jerri Henry, IDEQ

