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RE: Submittal of DEQ Mini-Grant Application

Dear Ms. Zhinin:

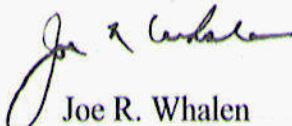
This letter is to transmit an application from the City of Miles City for a DEQ Mini-Grant related to water quality and non-point source pollution. As Mayor of the City of Miles City, I am authorized to apply for funding through this program. The City shall comply with all grant requirements as established in the Call for Mini-Grants issued by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality.

The City welcomes this opportunity to once again work with DEQ and other federal, state and local agencies to educate the public and inform local professionals about effective and practical ways to ensure that agricultural operations, urban activities and flood mitigation activities help protect and enhance water quality.

We appreciate DEQ's past support of our effort to develop a reliable and well-recognized venue in eastern Montana for promoting environmental responsibility and improving the utilization of effective resource management techniques. Although still in its infancy, the Summit is quickly maturing into a hallmark example of how local communities can come together with state and federal agencies to share information and collaborate to achieve mutual goals. While the purpose of the 2010 Summit remains the same as previous years, the program has evolved based upon lessons learned, and the presentations will benefit from the professional relationships formed over the past two years.

The Mini-Grant program is an extremely valuable component of the support efforts and programs like the Miles City River Awareness Summit need during their formative years, and I encourage its approval.

Sincerely,



Joe R. Whalen
MAYOR