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Mr. Paul LaVigne
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Dear Mr. LaVigne:

Paul

On behalf of ECOS, I am delighted to congratulate you, Grant Weaver, and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality on your innovative Clean Water SRF project.

The state-wide project shared with ECOS, "A Paradigm Shift: Re-Engineering Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations to Reduce Nutrients without Capital Expenditures," used targeted education of wastewater treatment operators and some additional on-site, site-specific assistance to minimize the need for plant upgrades.

This work was selected to demonstrate unique uses and dispersion of CWSRF funds, and offer a valuable case study that will build state capacity and knowledge. Given the popularity of the webinar you generously participated in, I know states have already begun to learn from your example. Thank you for presenting your experiences, for sharing your time and expertise with ECOS, and for your role in protecting human health and the environment in Montana and around the country.

ECOS congratulates you on your efforts; keep up the good work!

Best regards,

Alexandra Dapolito Dunn
Executive Director & General Counsel