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MAP welcomes Kapp to Montana staff

NEW PRAGUE, Minn., January 8, 2008 – Leo Kapp has joined the staff of Midwest Assistance Program, Inc., as a resource development advisor in Montana.

Kapp has devoted his career to water and wastewater, gaining invaluable hands-on knowledge and experience during 22 years as lead person for Cut Bank's water, wastewater and streets department and six years as director of Lewistown's Public Works Department. That experience includes rebuilding Lewistown's sewage treatment plant, setting appropriate rates, managing numerous upgrade projects using federal and state grant funds, creating and overseeing budgets, working with engineers and developing emergency response plans.

"MAP and its clients are fortunate to add someone with Leo's background to our staff," says Martha Cashman, MAP CEO. "His in-depth knowledge of water and wastewater systems will be invaluable to small communities and tribal nations as they seek solutions for their own infrastructure challenges."

Kapp has key state certifications, has developed and taught operator safety classes, and been a conference presenter on topics such as biological nutrient removal.

"I've known Leo for many years and was really excited when he decided to come work for us," says Pam Higgins, MAP regional director. "He has such excellent experience. Leo is well known in small communities in the state, is familiar with the funding sources available to them and is very knowledgeable about the state's engineering firms."

Based in Cut Bank, Kapp can be reached via e-mail at lkapp@map-inc.org or phone at 406-366-4430.

Midwest Assistance Program, Inc., is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping rural communities in a nine-state area improve their environment, quality of life and achieve self sustainability. MAP helps revitalize small communities by working with them to find solutions for their infrastructure, enterprise development, aging, technology or training issues. It's a member of the Rural Community Assistance Partnership, a national, rural community development network. MAP is an equal-opportunity lender, provider and employer.