

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Lisbon (Ransom County), North Dakota

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 3700574-09

The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) has conducted a review of the proposed Lead Service Line Replacement for the City of Lisbon in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR Part 6). The NDDoH has determined that this project is eligible for a Categorical Exclusion and is exempt from further substantive environmental review.

Because the proposed project meets the criteria for a categorical exclusion, a full Finding of No Significant Impact and Environmental Assessment will not be required. Following is a description of the proposed project and a brief statement of how the project meets the criteria for a categorical exclusion.

The proposed project consists of replacing approximately 220 lead water service lines within the city. The current water service lines are leaching lead into the system causing action levels to be exceeded when sampled. The public works department is currently using corrosion control treatment at the water treatment plant to inhibit the leaching of lead.

The proposed project will guarantee all lead service lines in the system are taken out of service. This will improve the water quality of the distribution system and reduce treatment costs.

The City of Lisbon has applied for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$725,000 to finance the project. The City has the legal authority and financial and administrative capability to construct the proposed improvements.

This project is being granted an exclusion because the improvements will occur within the current location of the service lines. No previously undisturbed areas will be affected by the construction activities. The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer has concluded that no Historic Properties will be affected. It has been determined that exempting the proposed project from further review under the National Environmental Policy Act will not result in adverse impacts to the population or area of Lisbon and Ransom County.

The documentation to support this decision will be on file and available for public review at the NDDoH, Division of Municipal Facilities.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Aaron D. Wellman, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Health, 918 East Divide Avenue, 3rd Floor, Bismarck, ND, 58501-1947.

Dated the 5th day of October, 2018.

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