

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Bowbells (Burke), North Dakota

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 0700114-02

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed 2022 Watermain Improvement for the City of Bowbells in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR Part 6). The NDDEQ 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 construction of a water transmission line from the Upper Souris Water District meter vault directly to the existing water tower. The riser pipe which goes up to the water tower will also be replaced.

The proposed project will provide more effective distribution and efficient turnover of drinking water throughout the distribution system. The efficient use of the distribution system will allow disinfectant residual levels to remain within acceptable levels and provide better quality drinking water for the city of Bowbells.

The City of Bowbells has applied for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$218,000 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 entirely in the alignment of the existing city right of way and city property. The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer has concluded that no historic properties will be affected by this project provided it takes place in the location and in the manner described in the documentation and provided all borrow comes from an approved source (ND SHPO Ref.: 22-5818). 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 Bowbells or Burke County.

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

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Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Jim Uhlman, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND, 58503-1324.

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