

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Cooperstown (Griggs County), North Dakota

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 2000203-08

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed Water Main Improvements for the City of Cooperstown 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 project consists of the replacement of water main, hydrants and valves within the City of Cooperstown. The existing asbestos cement water mains have experienced leaks and failures causing loss of water service. The water main replacement will improve the existing deficiencies in the system.

The City of Cooperstown plans to apply for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan to finance the project.

This project is being granted an exclusion because the improvements will occur within the same location as the existing water main. 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 (ND SHPO Ref.: 21-5215). 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 Cooperstown and Griggs County.

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

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

Dated the 18th day of March 2021

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