

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Dickinson (Stark County), North Dakota

CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 380933-05

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed Reuse Pipeline Extension project for the City of Dickinson 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 extending the existing reuse pipeline which supplies water to the Marathon Refinery from the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Currently, water for construction and industrial purposes is sold by the city from the city's potable water supply. This is a waste of the city's potable water, which is limited by the Southwest Water Authority, while the amount of reuse water being provided to the refinery exceeds its demands. This means there is an excess of unused reuse water.

The proposed project will allow for the construction of a fill depot and connection to other potential users farther west. Thus, making better use of the reuse water from the Water Treatment Facility, and leaving the city's potable water supply for the citizens of Dickinson.

The City of Dickinson plans to apply for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$1,384,000 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 right-of-ways. 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 by this project (ND SHPO Ref.: 20-5679). 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 Dickinson and Stark County.

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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 Evan Wahl, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 918 East Divide Avenue, 3rd Floor, Bismarck, ND, 58501-1947.

Dated the 14th day of July 2020.

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