

## **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION**

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Mill Hill Water Tower Restoration  
Jamestown (Stutsman County), North  
Dakota

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 4700498-17

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed Mill Hill Water Tower Restoration for the City of Jamestown 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 cleaning, repairing, and painting the interior and exterior of the existing finished water reservoir. This will extend the useful life of the reservoir, prevent microbiological contaminants from entering the system, and ensure continued water quality for users.

The City of Jamestown plans to apply for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan 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 within the existing finished water reservoir. 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 provided it takes place in the location and in the manner described in the documentation (ND SHPO Ref.: 26-0052). 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 Jamestown and Stutsman County. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has reviewed this project (ID No. NWO-2025-01756-BIS) and determined that a Section 404 permit is not required.

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, 4201 Normandy St., Bismarck, ND, 58503-1324.

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