

## **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION**

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation  
City of McVile (Nelson County), North  
Dakota

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 3200636-01

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed water treatment plant rehabilitation project for the City of McVile 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 process components in the 35-year-old water treatment plant are near the end of their useful life and are in need of rehabilitation and improvements.

The proposed project includes filter system rehabilitation; upgrades to the control system, process instrumentation, and high service pumps; and chemical storage area modifications. After completion of the project, the water treatment plant will operate more efficiently with improved operator engagement.

The City of McVile has applied for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$ 1,006,000 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 structure with some sanitary service line underground work within the plant lot. 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.: 25-0358). It has been determined that exempting the proposed project from further review under the National Environmental Policy Act will not result in adverse impacts on the population or area of McVile and Nelson County. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has reviewed this project (ID No. NWO-2025-01405-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 Hristo Papalichev, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy St., Bismarck, ND, 58503-1324.

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