

## **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION**

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Water Supply and Treatment Improvements  
Medina (Stutsman County), North Dakota

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 4700637-02

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed Water Supply and Treatment Improvements for the City of Medina 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 improvements to the City's water treatment facility. The water treatment facility has been in continuous service since 2005. Many apparatuses and equipment are reaching the end of their useful life and have begun to show signs of aging. Should any of the equipment go down, the treatment facility will need to be offline for repairs which would leave the city without water. Emergency situations will also cause issues as there are no back-up generators for the water treatment facility and well pumps.

The proposed project will address any equipment that is currently at the end of its useful life and allow the water treatment facility to continue to operate. It will alleviate any associated health hazards that could be caused by an operation outage.

The City of Medina has applied for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund 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 previously disturbed areas. 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 manner described in the documentation and provided all borrow comes from an approved source (ND SHPO Ref.: 23-0642). 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 Medina and Stutsman 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 Danielle Peltier, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND, 58503-1324.

Dated the 26<sup>th</sup> of March, 2024.

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