

## **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION**

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Riverdale (McLean County), North Dakota

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 2800825-01

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed Replacement of Campground Water Supply for the City of Riverdale 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 replacement of the campground water supply line north of the city of Riverdale. The City experienced a break in the line supplying water to the campground. The existing watermain that failed is a 12-inch Cast Iron Pipe. The existing watermain was the original feed to Riverdale from the abandoned water treatment plant and a 500,000-gallon clear well.

The proposed project will provide adequate flow to the campground north of the city of Riverdale. The new watermain will be downsized to a 6-inch line as it will no longer serve the city of Riverdale and will only be used to serve the campground.

The City of Riverdale has 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 watermain replacement will occur in the same location as the existing watermain. No previously undisturbed areas will be affected by the construction activities. The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer has concurred with a determination of "No Historic Properties Affected" for 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.: 21-5113). 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 Riverdale and McLean 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 Mitchell Murray, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 918 East Divide Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Bismarck, ND, 58501-1947.

Dated the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2021.

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