

## **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION**

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: St. John (Rolette County), North Dakota

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 4000854-02

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed Water Tower Replacement for the City of St. John 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 project consists of the construction of a new 100,000-gallon water tower as well as water main replacement. The existing water tower needs significant rehabilitation or reconstruction and does not have enough capacity and the current water main restricts flow. The new water tower and water main will replace the aging water tower, provide operational flexibility, and increase storage capacity.

The City of St. John has applied for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$920,000 to finance the project.

The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer concurs with the determination of "No Historic Properties Affected" provided the project 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.: 23-5262). 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 St. John and Rolette 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 Aaron Wellman, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Bismarck, ND, 58503-1324.

Dated the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2023.

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