

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Water System Improvement District 2024-1
Taylor (Stark County), North Dakota

CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 380818-02
DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 4500934-01

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed Water System Improvement District 2024-1 project in the City of Taylor 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 will connect the City of Taylor's water distribution system to Southwest Pipeline Project's existing water tower, abandon an existing pumphouse, replace several blocks of water main, and complete spot repairs for the existing sanitary sewer mains. This area has been selected due to existing issues with undersized water mains, inadequate piping and controls in the pump house and failing sanitary sewer mains. This project will improve the drinking water system and sanitary sewer infrastructure.

The City of Taylor will apply for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan and 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 within existing city street right-of-way or easements. 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 occurs in the place and manner described in the documentation and provided all borrow comes from an approved source (ND SHPO Ref.: 24-0160). 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 Taylor and Stark 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 Mitchell Murray,
Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of
Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, 3rd Floor, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324.

Dated the 4th day of June, 2024.

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