

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Williston (Williams County), North Dakota

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 2701477-02

The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) has conducted a review of the proposed Williston Regional Water Treatment Plant Pretreatment Improvements for the Western Area Water Supply Authority (WAWSA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR Part 6). The NDDoH 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 includes the installation of rapid mix, flocculation and high rate clarification equipment; chemical feed equipment, pumps, a SCADA system, and a building over the pretreatment area. This project will increase the plant's pretreatment capacity. There are no expected underground utility changes proposed. All work would exist within the current pretreatment area footprint.

The Western Area Water Supply Authority plans to apply for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan to finance the project and the WAWSA has the legal authority to construct the proposed improvements.

This project is being granted an exclusion because the improvements will occur within the existing Water Treatment Plant. 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. 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 Williston and Williams County.

The documentation to support this decision will be on file and available for public review at the NDDoH, Division of Municipal Facilities.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Henok A. Woldeyes, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Health, 918 East Divide Avenue, 3rd Floor, Bismarck, ND, 58501-1947.

Dated the 13th day of July 2018

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