

## **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION**

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Wing (Burleigh County), North Dakota

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 0801036-01

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed Water System Improvements for the City of Wing 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 water treatment, storage, and distribution throughout the City of Wing. The well house containing the water treatment process is deteriorated and in need of replacement. The water distribution system has piping and appurtenances beyond their useful life and many are not fully operational.

The proposed project will provide new drinking water distribution piping, chemical feed equipment and pump house, upgrade the water storage control equipment and valves. All will reduce maintenance and operating expenses, improve public health and safety, and maintain the integrity of the system.

The City of Wing plans to apply for 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 improvements will occur entirely in the alignment of the existing city utility easements or property. 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 (ND SHPO Ref.: 21-5258). 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 Wing or Burleigh County.

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

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Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Jim Uhlman, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND, 58503-1324.

Dated the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.

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