

## **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION**

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Rugby (Pierce County), North Dakota

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 3500842-01

The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) has conducted a review of the proposed Raw Water Main Repair project for the City of Rugby 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 will replace a portion of raw water main from the existing well field to the water treatment plant. The current raw water main is constructed of asbestos cement and was installed beneath a slough in 1957. This pipeline has experienced multiple failures which has led to costly repairs for the City of Rugby. Contamination may occur when the pipeline fails in saturated soil beneath the slough. This project will protect the quality of the city's raw water supply, reduce the potential for interruptions of service, and reduce operation and maintenance costs.

The City of Rugby 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 adjacent to the existing raw water pipeline. 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 Rugby or Pierce 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 Bryan R. Schmitt, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Health, 918 East Divide Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Bismarck, ND, 58501-1947.

Dated the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

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