

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Northwest/Central Mountrail County, N.D.

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 2701477-02

The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) has conducted a review of the proposed Stanley High Point Pump Station for the Western Area Water Supply Authority (WAWSA) and Ray and Tioga Water Supply Association (R&TWSA) 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 three pumps, minor process piping for connections to existing piping, concrete pump stands, three variable frequency drives (VFDs), and labor for the aforementioned equipment and materials. The pump station work will include no exterior work and be limited to the existing building on the project site. No new land will be acquired or impacted to complete the project as proposed.

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 building on the project site. 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 Northwest/Central Mountrail County.

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

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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.

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