

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: 2025 Street & Utility Improvements
Beach (Golden Valley County), North Dakota

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 1700059-02

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed 2025 Street & Utility Improvements Project for the City of Beach 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 street, water main, and water service line replacement. The existing drinking water distribution system consists of cast iron pipe, asbestos cement pipe, and polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe. The aged cast iron pipe and asbestos cement pipe water mains are past their useful life. The system has experienced low chlorine residuals and water discoloration due to corrosion and a lack of water main looping. The new water mains and water service lines will reduce the risks of lead exposure and improve the overall reliability of the drinking water distribution system.

The City of Beach has applied for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$2,819,000 to finance a portion of the project.

This project is being granted an exclusion because the improvements will occur entirely within the city. No previously undisturbed areas will be affected by the construction activities. The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer would continue to concur with a determination of "No Historic Properties Affected" for this project provided it takes place in the location and in the manner described in the documentation and provided all borrow comes from an approved source (ND SHPO Ref.: 23-6601). 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 Beach and Golden Valley 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 Mitch Murray, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND, 58503-1324.

Dated the 2nd day of January 2025.

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