

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

TO ALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS:

As required by guidelines for the preparation of environmental impact statements, an environmental review has been performed on the proposed action below:

Project: Service to Ashley MTL Expansion, Contract 2023-2

Location: Emmons and McIntosh County, North Dakota

SRF Project No.: 0801154-05

Total Cost: \$2,497,000.00

The proposed project is for the construction of a new water pipeline that will parallel existing pipeline, a new water storage tank, a new booster pump station, and upgrades to an existing booster pump station. These new implementations will take place within Emmons and McIntosh Counties.

The South Central Regional Water District has applied for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$2,497,000.00 to finance the project. The South Central Regional Water District has the legal authority and financial and administrative capability to construct the proposed improvements.

For a further discussion of this, see Item V, Environmental Impacts of Proposed Project in the Environmental Assessment document. Wetlands, area flood plains, threatened or endangered species habitat, or archeological sites will not be adversely impacted. The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office has concluded that "No Adverse Effect" for this project provided the pipeline route through site 32MT387 remains within the inventory boundaries and avoids archaeological features such as depressions and foundations, the project 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.: 23-0607).

The review process did not indicate significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed action. Consequently, a preliminary decision not to prepare an environmental impact statement has been made. This action is taken on the basis of a careful review of the engineering report, environmental information document, and other supporting data that are on file in the Municipal Facilities Division of the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality.

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

Dated the 4th of March, 2024.

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