

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: Pump Station No. 5 & Reservoir - Douglas Bay

Customer: Garrison Rural Water District

Location: McLean County, North Dakota

DWSRF Project No.: 2801430-02

Total Cost: \$1,435,385

The proposed project consists of improvements to the Garrison Rural Water District water system. The current system cannot keep up with pressure demands in western service areas. The western area is the farthest from the water source and has made water availability and pressure limited during peak demands. This leaves users with unreliable water pressure and pressures below 40 psi at times. By constructing a new pump station and reservoir the pressure and water demands can be stable throughout peak usage timeframes.

The Garrison Rural Water District water system has applied for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan to finance the project. The rural water district has the legal authority and financial and administrative capability to construct the proposed improvements.

The project site will be located along North Dakota Highway 37, west of 46th Ave NW. For 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 concurs with the 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.: 26-0035). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has reviewed this project (ID No. NWO-2025-01683-BIS) and determined that a Section 404 permit is required if dredge or fill material is discharged to waters of the United States.

The review 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 regarding this Finding of No Significant Impact may be submitted to Danielle Peltier, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy St., Bismarck, ND, 58503-1324.

After evaluating the comments received, the department will make a final decision. However, no administrative action will be taken on the project for at least 30 calendar days after release of the Finding of No Significant Impact.

Dated Aug. 31, 2026.

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