

## **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:** Lead Service Line Replacement

**Customer:** City of Mandan

**Location:** Mandan (Morton County), North Dakota

**DWSRF Project No.:** 3000596-13

**Total Cost:** \$3,132,000

The project consists of the replacement of all lead service lines in the city. The City of Mandan has identified 61 service lines for replacement to date. All lead service lines, including 61 identified and 200 estimated will be replaced over an estimated 10-year period. This proactive approach will increase public health and safety.

The City of Mandan is in the process of applying 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.

Due to the multiple known cultural sites in the City of Mandan, including sites with human remains, the North Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) required that a Cultural Resource Class I Desktop Analysis (file review) be completed, and a Monitoring and Discovery Plan be developed and implemented (ND SHPO Ref.: 24-0321). Work occurring within the Scattered Village (32MO31) site will be monitored by an archaeologist. Pipelines will be installed by directional drilling and an archaeological test unit will be excavated first at the bore hole location if the bore hole is sited in undisturbed ground. Note that Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is separate from the National Environmental Policy Act finding of no significant impact (FONSI), and this FONSI does not exclude future phases of this project from Section 106 review. The Section 106 concurrence is valid only for the listed phase/year. Each additional phase/year of the project will require cultural resources review to meet the requirements under Section 106. The City of Mandan shall contact the Review and Compliance team at the State Historical Society of North Dakota annually for additional reviews as project phases develop. For further discussion of this, see Item V, Environmental Impacts of Proposed Project in the Environmental Assessment document. Wetlands, area floodplains, threatened and endangered species, wildlife and wildlife habitat, and agricultural land will not be adversely impacted.

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 Hristo Papalichev, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND, 58503-1324.

After evaluating the comments received, the agency 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 the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025.

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