

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 Napoleon MTL Expansion

Customer: South Central Regional Water District

Location: Emmons, Kidder, Logan and McIntosh Counties, North Dakota

SRF Project No.: 0801154-06

Total Cost: \$7,551,300

The proposed project is for the construction of new water pipelines that will parallel existing pipelines, a new drinking water storage tank, and the infrastructure needed to provide rural water service to the City of Napoleon. These new implementations will take place within Emmons, Kidder, Logan and McIntosh Counties.

The South Central Regional Water District plans to apply for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan to finance the project.

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 has concurred with the "No Adverse Effect" determination for the proposed project area (ND SHPO Ref: 25-0220) provided site 32EM391 is avoided by at least 50 feet and site 32EM388 is avoided by fencing 18 feet from the site boundary and avoidance during construction, staying within the disturbance area of the previously installed waterline. If construction takes place within 18 feet of the site boundary, avoidance will be via archaeological monitoring during preliminary ground disturbance with fencing along the site boundary. The project must take place in the manner and location described in the documentation and all borrow must come from an approved source.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has reviewed this project (ID No. NWO-2025-00617-BIS) and determined that a Section 404 permit will be required only if there is discharge of dredge or fill material (temporarily or permanently) into waters of the United States.

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 Mitch Murray, 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 24th day of September 2025.

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