

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: 2019 Intake Improvements

Location: Washburn, North Dakota

DWSRF Project No.: 2800989-04

Total Cost: \$3,000,000

The proposed project includes the construction of a new intake site on the west side of the Missouri River, a new intake pump house, and a transmission line from the intake to the Washburn Water Treatment Plant. Due to flooding, the main river channel has migrated away from the existing intake. The migration of the channel has caused lower water levels as well as siltation at the intake causing increased sediment to be drawn into the water treatment plant. The new intake will provide a reliable water source and redundancy.

The project area is located north of the City of Washburn. For a further discussion of this see Item IV, Affected Environment 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 Officer has concluded that no Historic Properties will be affected (ND SHPO Ref.: 17-1205).

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 which are on file in the Municipal Facilities Division of the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Aaron D. Wellman, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 918 East Divide Avenue, 3rd Floor, Bismarck, ND, 58501-1947.

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 30th day of July, 2019.

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