

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: Water System Improvement District 2024-1, Water Tower Replacement

Location: Ashley, McIntosh County, North Dakota

DWSRF Project No.: 2600038-01

Total Cost: \$4,000,695.00

The proposed project is for the construction of a new 300,000-gallon water tower. The existing water tower was constructed in 1946 with a maximum storage capacity of 65,000 gallons and has visible rust on the exterior of the structure.

The City of Ashley has applied for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan to finance the project. The city has the legal authority and administrative capability to construct the proposed improvements.

The project site will be within the city limits of Ashley. Wetlands, area flood plains, threatened or endangered species habitat, or archeological sites will not be adversely impacted. The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office requires preparation of a document detailing the history and description of the existing water tower and the history of related infrastructure and access to water in Ashley prior to water tower removal (ND SHPO Ref.: 23-0569).

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.

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 21st of February 2024.

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