

## Categorical Exclusion

### North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicant: Cape Fear Public Utility Authority  
Date: March 15, 2017  
Project Number: CS370923-08  
Estimated Project Cost: \$6,281,798  
Estimated Funding Amount: \$6,158,625

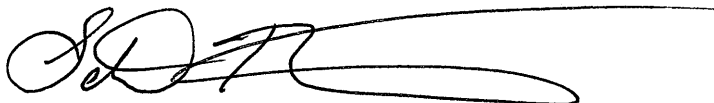
Project Description: The proposed project will make the following improvements to the Southside Wastewater Treatment Plant: primary and secondary clarifiers structural improvements, replacement of existing coarse bubble diffusers with new fine bubble diffusers, screw pumps/intermediate pump station improvements, repair supports for overhead gas mains at digesters, replacement of the solids dewatering building, replacement of the two 2-meter belt filter presses, upgrade the motor control center for the belt filter presses, rehabilitation of the filtrate pump station, rehabilitation of the sludge storage roof, replacement of the plant underdrain pump station, and replacement of 450 kW primary generator.

The above named applicant will receive funding assistance from the State Revolving Fund program to construct the wastewater facilities described above. The North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure (Division) has conducted a review of the project in accordance with the NCGS §159G-38. The Division has determined that this project is below the minor construction activities threshold outlined in 15A NCAC 01C .0408; therefore, the project is exempt from inter-agency review, and the preparation of additional environmental documents is not required.

This determination shall become effective upon its distribution by the Division and will be available on the Division's website (<http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wi/environmental-documents>). This determination can be revoked at any time adverse information is made available. The documentation to support this decision will be on file with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Infrastructure, and is available for public scrutiny upon request.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Ms. Jennifer Haynie, Environment and Special Projects Unit, Division of Water Infrastructure, 1633 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699, or she can be reached by phone at (919) 707-9173.

Sincerely,



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