

Categorical Exclusion

North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicant: Town of Biscoe
Date: September 10, 2014
Project Number: CS370739-01
Estimated Project Cost: \$1,919,000
Estimated Funding Amount: \$1,275,000

Project Description: The proposed project will make improvements at the existing wastewater treatment plant to address operational deficiencies with no change in capacity. The following improvements are planned: (1) installation of a new mechanically cleaned influent bar screen and manually cleaned by-pass bar screen; (2) installation of new valves in the influent piping to the two aeration basins; (3) addition of four new 15 Hp floating aerators within aeration basin number 1; (4) replacement of four corroded scum baffles at aeration basin effluent overflows; (5) installation of new secondary clarifier flow splitter; (6) installation of a new secondary clarifier with approximately 15-foot diameter and 14-foot side water depth; (7) installation of Return Activated Sludge (RAS) and Waste Activated Sludge (WAS) pump stations with two pumps; (8) installation of an effluent recycle pump, associated piping and backflow preventer; and (9) installation of a 300 kilowatt emergency generator with automatic transfer switch.

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 (DWI) has conducted a review of the project in accordance with the procedures (NCAC 15A Subchapter 1C) for conformance with the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act. The DWI 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 DWI and will be available on the DWI's website (<http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wi/fonsi-dmca-ce>). 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 Environment and Natural Resources, 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Colson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kim H. Colson, P.E., Director
Division of Water Infrastructure