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Mr. Jarvis Woodburn
Chairman
Anson County Board of Commissioners
114 N. Greene Street
Wadesboro, North Carolina 28170


Dear Mr. Woodburn:

Enclosed you will find the Categorical Exclusion (CE) Determination for the Raw Water Intake Project for Anson County, North Carolina. In accordance with 40 CFR Part 6, you are not required to publish the enclosed CE; however, the documentation to support this determination must be made available for public viewing until your special appropriations project is constructed. Copies of the CE and supporting documentation must be maintained in your official grant file for three years after the grant is closed.

Receipt of the CE completes the environmental review for your project. If the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency receives any information indicating that at least one of the extraordinary circumstances described in the CE applies or that the action does not meet the qualifying criteria for a categorical exclusion, we will withdraw the categorical exclusion and proceed with further environmental review.

The next step in the grant process is to contact your project officer, Artie Buff, who is also your environmental reviewer, at (404) 562-9336.

Sincerely,


for Natalie Ellington
Chief
Infrastructure Section

Enclosure



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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

Raw Water Intake Project
Anson County, North Carolina

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) actions subject to review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) include the award of certain grants for projects authorized by Congress through the Agency's annual Appropriations Acts. EPA has reviewed the above authorized project in accordance with NEPA implementation procedures (40 CFR Part 6) and determined that it is eligible for a categorical exclusion and is thereby exempting it from further substantive environmental review.

The Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (P.L. 109-54), authorized EPA funds in the amount of \$955,600 to Anson County, North Carolina, for a raw water intake project. The estimated cost of the proposed project is \$4,924,860. The remaining \$3,969,260 match will be provided by a Community Development Block Grant (\$1,000,000) and a State Revolving Fund loan (\$2,969,260).

The proposed project involves the construction of an emergency raw water intake, 3,116 feet of 36-inch high-density polyethylene raw water intake pipe, an emergency raw water pump station, installation of approximately 1,800 feet of 42-inch force main from the proposed pump station to the existing pump station, and 1,250 feet of 30-inch force main from the existing pump station to the water treatment plant. The project is located in the Lower Pee Dee watershed, Hydrologic Unit Code 03040201.

This project relates to an existing infrastructure system that collects, treats, stores and/or distributes drinking water and is eligible for a categorical exclusion consistent with the category of actions listed under 40 CFR 6.204(a)(1)(ii) involving minor upgrading, or minor expansion of system capacity or rehabilitation, including functional replacement, of the existing system and system components; and construction of new minor ancillary facilities adjacent to or on the same property as the existing facilities. The facilities to be provided under 40 CFR 6.204(a)(1)(ii) will not create a new or relocate an existing discharge to surface or ground water; result in substantial increases in the volume of discharge or the loadings of pollutant to the receiving water; provide capacity to serve a population 30 percent greater than the existing population; be in conflict with state or other regional growth plans or strategies; or directly or indirectly relate to upgrading or extending infrastructure systems primarily for the purposes of future development.

This project does not involve any of the exceptional circumstances listed in 40 CFR 6.204(b)(1) through (10) that would make the project ineligible for a categorical exclusion. EPA has determined that:


1. The action is not known or expected to have a potentially significant environmental

important natural resource areas will be adversely affected by the project. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (April 24, 2009, correspondence) found no listed, proposed or candidate species present.

The documentation to support this decision is on file at the offices of Anson County Government, 114 N. Greene Street, Wadesboro, North Carolina and is available for public viewing upon request by contacting Mr. Jarvis Woodburn, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners at (704) 994-2676. If new information indicates that at least one of the extraordinary circumstances applies or that the action does not meet the qualifying criteria for a categorical exclusion, EPA will withdraw the categorical exclusion and proceed with further environmental review.

Any new information in this regard may be addressed by mail to: Arthur O. Buff, P.E., Infrastructure Section, Water Protection Division, EPA Region 4, 61 Forsyth St. SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960 or by fax at (404) 562-9428.

Sincerely,


A. Stanley Meiburg
Acting Regional Administrator