

**Request for Categorical Exclusion
from Substantive Environmental Review
For Drinking Water Projects Only**

Instructions:

1. Provide the DEH number for the project for which you are requesting consideration.
2. Please fill out the applicant's formal name. If you are a county authority, please specify which county. "County Water District VII" is not an acceptable name; "ABC County Water District VII" is acceptable.
3. Please check all applicable exclusions. Failure to check an applicable exclusion will result in the rejection of your request.
4. Either the "authorized representative," or the Professional Engineer responsible for the PER must sign the form. If the PE signs the form, it must include the PE seal.

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DEH No.: 1375
Applicant: Fork Township Sanitary District

**Project
Description**

Fork Township Sanitary District (FTSD) proposes to replace its existing 4,600 water meters with a "ride-by" automatic meter reading (AMR) system designed to save approximately 225 gallons of gasoline per month and 150 man-hours. The only construction activity involves replacement of existing meters in existing meter boxes. No existing structures will be impacted. No wetlands or streams will be impacted.

We certify that the project described in the application for state-supplied financial assistance meets all of the applicable general criteria listed in 15A NCAC 1C .0408 (1), and consists solely of activities exempted under the specific criteria of 1C .0408 (2) checked below:

Please Check all the Exclusion(s) that apply

- Potable water systems including the construction or rehabilitation of wells for water supply purposes with associated groundwater withdrawals of less than 1,000,000 gallons per day where such withdrawals are not expected to cause alterations in established land use patterns, or degradation of groundwater or surface water quality. [1C .0408 (2)(c)].

Other potable water systems including the following:

- Improvements to water treatment plants that involve less than 1,000,000 gallons per day added capacity and total design withdrawal less than one-fifth of the 7-day, 10-year low flow of the contributing stream; [1C .0408 (2)(b)(i)]
- Improvements not intended to add capacity to the facility; [1C .0408 (2)(b)(ii)]
- Installation of waterlines and appurtenances in existing rights-of-way for streets or utilities, or water lines and appurtenances less than five miles in length and having only directional bore stream crossings or no stream crossings; [N.C.G.S. §113A-12(1) & 1C .0408 (2)(b)(iii)]
- Construction of water tanks, or booster pumping or secondary or remote disinfection stations; [1C .0408 (2)(b)(iv)]
- Dams less than 25 feet in height and having less than 50 acre-feet or storage capacity [1C .0408 (2)(h)] (Notes: #1 Dam projects are ineligible for federally recognized CE. #2 Only off-stream raw water reservoirs for pre-treatment purposes are eligible for DWSRF funding.)

We further certify that the project does not have a significant direct, indirect, cumulative or secondary adverse environmental impact as described in 15A NCAC 1C .0306, and that none of the following descriptions apply to the project:

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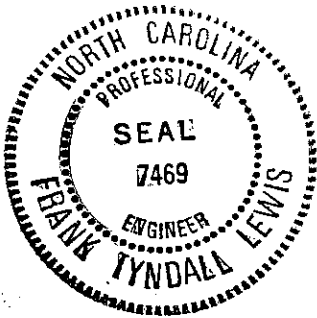
- the proposed activity may have a potential for significant adverse effects on wetlands; surface waters such as rivers, streams and estuaries; parklands; game lands; prime agricultural or forest lands; or areas of local, state or federally recognized scenic, recreational, archaeological, ecological, scientific research or historical value, including secondary impacts; or would threaten a species identified on the Department of Interior's or the state's threatened and endangered species lists; [1C .0306 (1)] or
- the proposed activity could cause changes in industrial, commercial, residential, agricultural, or silvicultural land use concentrations or distributions which would be expected to create adverse water quality, instream flow, air quality, or ground water impacts; or affect long-term recreational benefits, fish, wildlife, or their natural habitats; [1C .0306 (2)] or
- the proposed activity has secondary impacts, or is part of cumulative impacts, not generally covered in the approval process for the state action, and that may result in a potential risk to human health or the environment; [1C .0306 (3)].

Therefore, we believe our project is eligible for consideration for a CE from the State's environmental assessment review processes and request that the State of North Carolina concur with our determination.

We understand that the State of North Carolina may determine that the proposed activity is of such an unusual nature or has such widespread implications that a concern for its environmental effects has been identified by DENR or expressed to DENR. We understand that, in this case, the activity may be ineligible for CE under 1C .0306 (4).

We recognize that this request supplies information sufficient **only** for state-financed assistance under the 15A NCAC 1J and 1L rules. If we are applying (either additionally or exclusively) for federally-financed assistance under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program, additional steps (including obtaining comment letters and publicizing the requested action) apply.

F. Tyndall Lewis, P.E.



Authorized Representative Printed Name

F. Tyndall Lewis 2/23/09

Authorized Representative Signature & Date
Project Engineer

Authorized Representative Title

State Use Only (Review)

Reviewed by: DMG

Department Approval: Vincent Jacob Tomars

Categorical Exclusion Review Checklist for DWSRF Projects

Applicant: FORK TOWNSHIP SANITARY DISTRICT

DEH No.: 1375

Required for all Categorical Exclusions (CE's)	
Cross Cutting Authority	Responsible Agency, Action(s) Taken & Dates
Archeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974, Pub. L. 86-523, as amended	North Carolina Cultural Resources for signoff. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blanket letter from applicant OK? <u>3/18/09</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments from agency OK? <u>3/24/09</u>
National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, PL 89-665, as amended	
Protection of Wetlands, Executive Order 11990	USACE <input type="checkbox"/> By "no permits required" comment letter from USACOE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> By sealed & signed "no jurisdiction" blanket comment letter from applicant's engineer _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By sealed & signed "no permits required" blanket comment letter from applicant's engineer <u>3/18/09</u> <input type="checkbox"/> By sealed & signed "all permits in place" blanket comment letter from applicant's engineer _____
Endangered Species Act, Pub. L. 93-205, as amended	USFWS for signoff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments from USFWS OK <u>3/4/09</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By sealed & signed blanket letter from applicant's engineer after 30 days pass without USFWS comment <u>3/18/09</u>
Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, Pub. L. 85-624, as amended	
Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, Pub. L. 90-542, as amended	
Environmental Justice, Executive Order 12898	Loans and Grants group and Regional Engineer Based on the discussions with the regional engineer during the priority review period : 1. Does the potentially affected community include an EJ community? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 2. Are there significant environmental impacts likely to fall disproportionately on minority and/or low-income members of the community and/or tribal resources? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Coastal Barrier Resources Act, Pub. L. 97-348	Division of Coastal Management (DCM) 1. Is this project located in any of the following counties: <i>Beaufort, Bertie, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington</i> ? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No 2. If the answer to question #1 is "Yes", then DCM must find if the project is in an Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) established by the Coastal Resources Commission. Is it in one of these AEC's? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No DCM Response Date: _____ 3. If the answer to question #2 is "Yes", then the project requires a CAMA permit. Does the project have a CAMA permit? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No CAMA Permit Date: _____
Coastal Zone Management Act, Pub. L 92-583, as amended	

CE posted on Web? _____