



**NOTICE OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT
TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS**

The City of Hazlehurst has made an application to the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD) for a loan through the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF). The loan is for constructing a new groundwater well for increased water supply to meet the demand during the peak holiday weekends. The applicant has certified that the project is environmentally sound. As required by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program Guidelines, an environmental review has been performed on the project described below:

Project Name:	Water System Improvements for the City of Hazlehurst
Project Location:	Jeff Davis, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$4,440,000
Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount:	\$4,440,000

Project Description

The proposed project involves construction of a new 1,000 gallons per minute (gpm) water supply well, a 500,000 gallon elevated storage tank, and installing 12-inch water lines to connect the city's water tanks throughout the City of Hazlehurst. This project will also include rehabilitation of infrastructure, such as upgrading small lines and replacing aging water lines throughout the city.

Anticipated Impacts

Based on responses from government agencies the proposed project will have minor impact on the environment, cultural resources, and residents within the service area. Any disturbed wetlands, flood plain, or river corridor will be restored to its existing contours and no additional fill will be placed. The project will not degrade water quality or permanently minimize the quantity of water available in the aquifer. Roads will be wetted to eliminate dusty conditions. Erosion of sedimentation will be minimized by installing erosion control devices. Construction is not anticipated to effect use of Buddy Spann Park and Guy N. Weatherly Senior Community Park. Clearing of forest land for the construction of the well and tank is not anticipated.

A review of the Engineering Report and Environmental Information Document for the proposed project has been performed by EPD's Drinking Water Permitting and Engineering Program. A copy of these documents is available for public examination upon request at EPD between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The addresses where a copy is available are listed below.

During the development and design of this project, the City of Hazlehurst has solicited public input. The project has undergone an Executive Order 12372 Review through the State agencies. The project

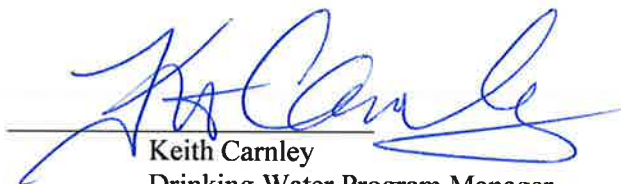
has also been submitted to the Corps of Engineers, State Historic Preservation Office, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for review. No adverse comments were received. If there are no public objections then this Notice of No Significant Impact (NONSI) will be adopted without further public notice and Georgia Environmental Protection Division Drinking Water Permitting and Engineer program will issue final approval of the project planning document. No further environmental review of the project is proposed to be conducted prior to the release of loan funds.

All interested agencies, groups and persons supporting or disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments, within thirty (30) days of the issuance date of this notice to:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division
ATTN: John Towe, Environmental Engineer
Drinking Water Program
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE - Suite 1362 East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9000

After evaluating all comments received, EPD will make a final decision regarding approval of the project planning documents. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this Notice.

Issue Date: 11/16/2018



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Loan Recipient:
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