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## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

Abbeville WPCP Upgrades City of Abbeville (Wilcox County) GEFA Loan No. CW-2023-025

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has conducted a review of the above project in accordance with the State's Environmental Review Process (SERP). EPD has determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Accordingly, no further environmental review is planned. The proposed project consists of upgrading the influent sewer line, installing a mechanical bar screen and backup manual bar screen, and replacing aerators within the two treatments ponds. Existing buildings will not be impacted as a result of this project. All construction will be located on City-owned property or existing right-of-ways. The existing treatment ponds may be located in the 100-year floodplain as indicated by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) map. However, the scope of work occurring within the floodplain consists of replacement of existing mechanical equipment and will not impact the floodplain.

This project is eligible for a categorical exclusion because it meets the following specific criteria, outlined in the SERP: functional replacement of equipment and construction of new ancillary facilities adjacent to existing facilities that do not affect the degree of treatment or capacity of the existing facility. Furthermore: the project will not create a new or relocate an existing discharge to surface or ground waters; the project will not substantially increase the volume of discharge or loading of pollutants; the project will not provide capacity to serve a population 30% greater than the existing population; the project will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment; the action will not directly or indirectly affect cultural resources, habitats of endangered or threatened species, or environmentally important natural resource areas; and the action is cost-effective and should cause no significant public controversy.

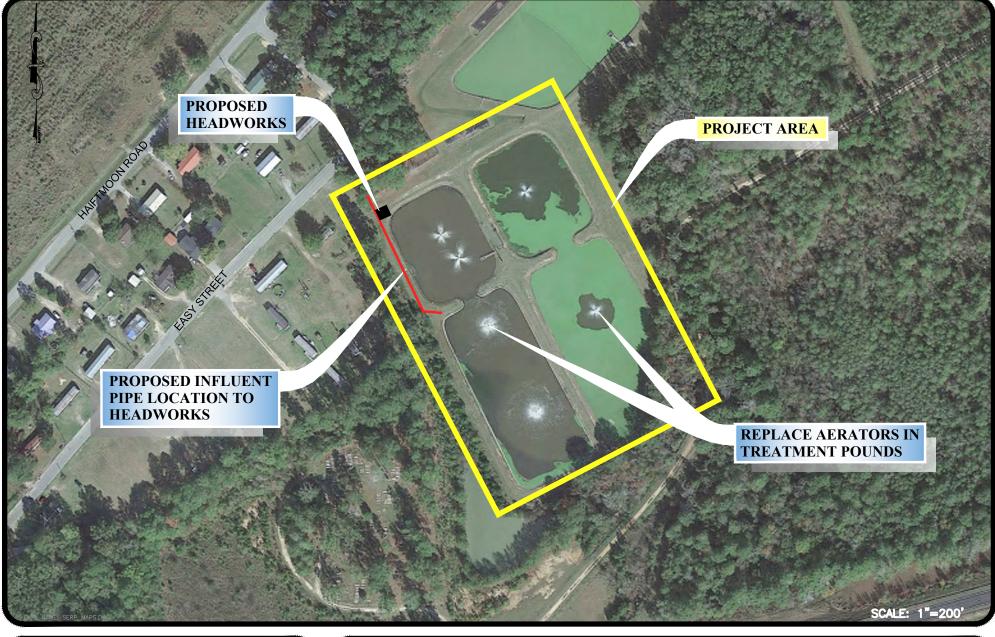
This determination is effective immediately. This exclusion may be revoked at any time if: 1) the project is altered and no longer meets the requirements of a categorical exclusion, 2) new evidence shows that serious environmental issues exist, or 3) a local, State or Federal law is being or may be violated. The information which supports this decision is on file with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division and is available for public review upon request.

If you have any questions about this determination, please contact Ethan Rhine of my staff at *ethan.rhine@dnr.ga.gov* or (678) 672-6037.

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