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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

Tignall Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) Upgrades
Town of Tignall (Wilkes County)
ARPA Grant No. GA-0011435

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 installing a new influent structure with a bar screen, modifying the existing Lemna Ponds A and B, modifying aeration Pond C, constructing an effluent structure that will include a polishing reactor, a chlorine contact chamber, a re-aeration channel, and a flow measuring device, and repurposing the existing plant pump station as the effluent plant pump station. All construction will be located on Town-owned property. The project will not be located in the 100-year floodplain as indicated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) map.

This project is eligible for a categorical exclusion because it meets the following specific criteria, outlined in the SERP: minor rehabilitation of existing facilities 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 can be viewed online via the Georgia EPD Online System (GEOS) at https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/Client/GA_GEOS/Public/Pages/PublicApplicationList.aspx by searching for Submittal No: 949542 and is available for public review upon request with the Georgia EPD.

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

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Town of Tignall – Project Location