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

The City of Blythe 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 150,000-gallon elevated storage tank to ensure water availability during emergencies and provide the city with the ability to better maintain the tanks consistently. 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 Supply Improvements for the City of Blythe
Project Location:	Richmond County, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$ 2,543,638.25
Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount:	\$ 2,543,638.25

**Project Description**

Under this project, the City of Blythe will construct a new 150,000 – gallon elevated storage tank. Currently the city has only one 100,000-gallon storage tank leading to maintenance challenges, water system inefficiencies and poor emergencies preparedness. The proposed new elevated storage tank will expand capacity to accommodate future city growth, adequate emergency storage, better tank maintenance, and improve pressure and flow throughout the city.

**Anticipated Impacts**

According to the National Wetlands Inventory Map, there are potential wetlands at the project site. The new elevated water tank will be placed to avoid potential wetland areas. Before construction, wetlands may be delineated if needed to ensure construction does not interfere with these sensitive areas. Erosion, sedimentation, and pollution control best management practices will be used to protect the wetlands during construction. The proposed project will have minimal impact on the environment as construction will be limited to the existing project site. It is also anticipated to have a temporary minor impact on water supply, water resources, air quality, solid waste, soil stability/Erodibility, and noise.

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 Blythe 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 have been received. No further environmental review of the project is proposed to be conducted prior to the release of loan funds.

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 Engineering 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:

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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: 12/29/2025

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Cc: Disha Thakkar, Environmental Engineer, DWPEP