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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION
Pilot Study for Reverse Osmosis Membranes and Ultrafiltration
Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority (Newton County)
GEFA Grant No. ECCW-2025-002

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 a pilot study at the Industrial Water Pollution Control Plant, which is under construction. The study's purpose is to assess the characteristics of the permeate and concentrate generated using reverse osmosis membranes and ultrafiltration technologies. The funding will only cover this temporary pilot study; there will be no permanent construction, permanent equipment installation, or change in the quantity of the permitted discharge.

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* and is available for public review upon request with the Georgia EPD.

If you have any questions about this determination, please contact August Lutkehus of my staff at *august.lutkehus@dnr.ga.gov* or (470) 524-0733.

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