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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REAFFIRMATION

Waycross Water Pollution Control Plant Improvements
City of Waycross (Ware County)
GEFA Loan No. CW-2020-002

On November 23 2019, a Categorical Exclusion (CE) was issued by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) for the City of Waycross. The proposed project consists of the replacement of the influent screens, replacement of the headwork, sludge, and effluent pumps, rehabilitation of the oxidation ditch and trickling media filters, installation of an aerobic digester by retrofit of an existing anaerobic digester, improvements to sampling and monitoring equipment, and improvements to other ancillary equipment.

The project is located in the 100-year floodplain as indicated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) map. However, the scope of work taking place within the floodplain will occur in existing buildings and will not impact the floodplain. All proposed equipment will be installed above the 100-year flood elevation.

This project is eligible for a categorical exclusion because it meets the following specific criteria, outlined in the SERP: functional replacement of equipment and minor rehabilitation of existing facilities. 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.

EPD has determined that the CE issued on November 23, 2019 can now be reaffirmed since the project has not changed significantly from the project described in that document.

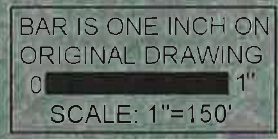
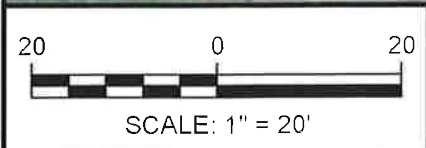
This reaffirmation is effective immediately. This exclusion may be revoked at any time if: 1) the project is altered and no longer meets the requirements of a categorical exclusion, 2) new evidence shows that serious environmental issues exist, or 3) a local, State or Federal law is being or may be violated.

If you have any questions about this reaffirmation, please contact Kiana Bozorgnia of my staff at kiana.bozorgnia@dnr.ga.gov or (470) 938-3357.

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WAYCROSS WWTP IMPROVEMENTS TARGET AREA MAP

