

## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

Pumps Replacement  
City of Atlanta  
Fulton County, Georgia  
DWSRF 2025009

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has conducted a review of the above subject project in accordance with the State's Environmental Review Process (SERP) for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) projects. The EPD has determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Accordingly, the EPD is exempting the project from further substantive environmental review requirements under Georgia's SERP.

The proposed project involves replacing the Chattahoochee Water Treatment Plant Finished water pumps 1- 4. The project entails replacing the pump components including discharge control valves, pump motors, and variable frequency drives.

This project is eligible for a Categorical Exclusion because it meets the following specific criteria, outlined in the DWSRF SERP: Improvements to existing surface or ground water treatment plants, including improvements to enhance security, which do not add a significant change in treatment capacity. Furthermore:

- The project will not require issuance of a new or modification of an existing ground water or surface water withdrawal permit;
- The project is not known or expected to have a significant adverse effect on the quality of the human environment, either individually, cumulatively over time, or in conjunction with other Federal, State, local or private actions;
- The project is not known or expected to directly or indirectly have a significant adverse effect on: or threatened species; or environmentally important natural resource areas, such as floodplains, wetlands, important farmlands or aquifer recharge areas; and cultural resource areas, such as archaeological and historic sites; habitats of endangered species;
- The action is cost-effective and is not expected to cause significant public controversy.

The project has been submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers, State Historic Preservation Division and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for review and no comments have been received from Corps of Engineers and U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, however HPD has requested additional information to complete their review of the project and provide response. This request is to submit a full eligibility assessment prepared by the Secretary of Interior and an assessment of the project's effect on all NRHP eligible properties within the proposed projects area of potential effect (APE). The City shall perform this requested assessment and submit a letter including the findings and required mitigation measures if any to HPD and provide a copy to EPD prior to getting the Final CE approval.

This determination shall become effective after thirty (30) days following its distribution by EPD and can be revoked if significant adverse information is made available. The documentation to support this decision is on file with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division and is available for public scrutiny upon request. A copy of the proposed project documentation is also available for review at the City Hall in Atlanta, Georgia.

All interested agencies, groups and persons supporting or disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments, within thirty (30) days of the publish date of this notice to:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division  
ATTN: Asmita Patel, Environmental Engineer  
Drinking Water Program  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE - Suite 1470A East  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

After evaluating the 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 publication of this Notice in a local newspaper that serves the City of Atlanta area.

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Manny Patel, Program Manager  
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