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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION
Wastewater Treatment Facility and Sewer System Improvements
City of Colquitt (Miller County)
GEFA Loan No. CW-DRA-2020-004

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 replacing the blowers, diffusers, and pumps at the wastewater treatment facility to increase energy efficiency, as well as installing two new bar screens at for redundancy and upgrading the facility's SCADA equipment. There will be no increase in the treatment capacity as a result of these improvements. The proposed project also includes the installation of bypass pumps and alternative energy sources at the Taylor Street and Old Treatment pump stations in order to ensure continuation of service during storm events, along with miscellaneous electrical improvements throughout the system. Finally, the project includes the rehabilitation of sewer mains to address inflow and infiltration in the Thompson Town Road service area. Existing buildings will not be impacted as a result of this project. A sufficient buffer will also be maintained between the project and the nearby railroad to avoid any impacts. All construction will be located on City owned-property and right-of-ways.

This project is eligible for a categorical exclusion because it meets the following specific criteria, outlined in the SERP: functional replacement of equipment, 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 becomes effective after thirty (30) days following its distribution by EPD. 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 is on file with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division and is available for public review upon request. A copy of the proposed project documentation is also available for review at Colquitt City Hall in Miller County, Georgia.

All interested agencies, groups and persons supporting or disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit comments within thirty (30) days of the publish date of this notice via email to kelli-ann.sottile@dnr.ga.gov or to the following address:

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Wastewater Regulatory Program
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After evaluating the comments received, EPD will make a final decision regarding approval of the project. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after publication of this Notice.

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