

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

Clayton County Water Authority has made an application to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD), and the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) for a loan through the State Revolving Fund (SRF). The project consists of the upgrade of W.B. Casey Water Reclamation Facility's (WRF) biosolids treatment system. The applicant has certified that the project is environmentally sound. As required by the Federal Clean Water Act, an environmental review has been performed on the project described below:

Project Name: Clayton County Water Authority
W.B. Casey WRF Biosolids Facility Upgrade
GEFA Loan No. CW-2021-024

Project Location: City of Jonesboro, Clayton County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$100,000,000

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$100,000,000

Project Description

Clayton County Water Authority proposes to upgrade W.B. Casey WRF's biosolids management facility. The project will allow W.B. Casey WRF to increase the biosolids handling treatment capacity for a flow up to 32 MGD. The upgrade will also eliminate concerns of the facility operating at the end of its useful life and address additional safety concerns at the facility.

The upgrades to the facility consist of addition of primary sludge thickening, thickened sludge screening, two digesters, dewatering feed tanks and pump station, dewatering/thermal drying facility, and cake receiving station. The upgraded biosolids treatment system is expected to produce a product that may be classified as a Class A biosolid.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve Clayton County. The project will allow the facility to produce Class A biosolids which can be sold commercially as an agricultural soil amendment rather than diverted to a solid waste facility.

Minor negative temporary impacts may include noise, dust and erosion/sedimentation associated with construction activities. Best Management Practices will be in place during construction.

The project will take place primarily on the Authority's property and previously disturbed land. Several existing buildings on the facility's site will be demolished and replaced as part of the proposed project.

No anticipated adverse secondary impacts are associated with the project. Consequently, a preliminary decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement has been made.

The reason for the decision not to prepare such a statement is as follows: Project activity is not anticipated to result in adverse environmental impacts beyond those that can be easily mitigated with minimal extra expense or delay in project implementation.

Public Notice

A public information meeting was held on June 21, 2021 at Clayton County Water Authority's Marie Barber Community Use Room to discuss the proposed project. No adverse comments were received during the 30-day advertisement period or during the meeting.

An Environmental Review Record concerning the proposed project has been made by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division that documents the environmental review of the project and provides more detail explaining why an environmental impact statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file at the Division's address listed below. A copy of the SRF planning document is available for public review upon request at Clayton County Water Authority office during business hours and at the Division between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

No further environmental review of this 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 30 days of the issuance date of this notice via email to chris.bruegge@dnr.ga.gov or to the following address:

Environmental Protection Division
Watershed Protection Branch
Wastewater Regulatory Program
ATTN: Chris Bruegge
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Suite 1152 East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

After evaluating the comments received, a final decision regarding the loan will be made. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this Notice.

Loan Recipient: Clayton County Water Authority
1600 Battle Creek Road
Morrow, GA 30260

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Issue Date: 2021-08-25

Richard E. Dunn
Director
Environmental Protection Division

Figure 1: Site Map

