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STATE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (ARPA)

- ARPA Funds are awarded to the water systems to reinforce the infrastructure by the State.
- Projects will undergo an Environmental review in accordance with the State Georgia's Environmental Review Process (SERP)
- Will determine whether the proposed project will have significant environmental impacts or not.
- Types of project determination
 - Categorical Exclusion (CE)
 - Notice of No Significant Impact (NONSI)
 - Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)



PROJECTS ELIGIBLE FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CE)

- Replacement of Existing and Construction of new water lines in previously disturbed areas
- Improvements to existing surface or ground water treatment plants.
- Installation of new or replacement of
 - existing backflow prevention devices or
 - meters at existing customers service connections
- Installation of fencing, alarms, monitors and other security equipment at existing water system locations
- Land acquisition for
 - source water protection
 - integral to the project
- New wells or replacement of wells if ancillary to the existing water system supply.

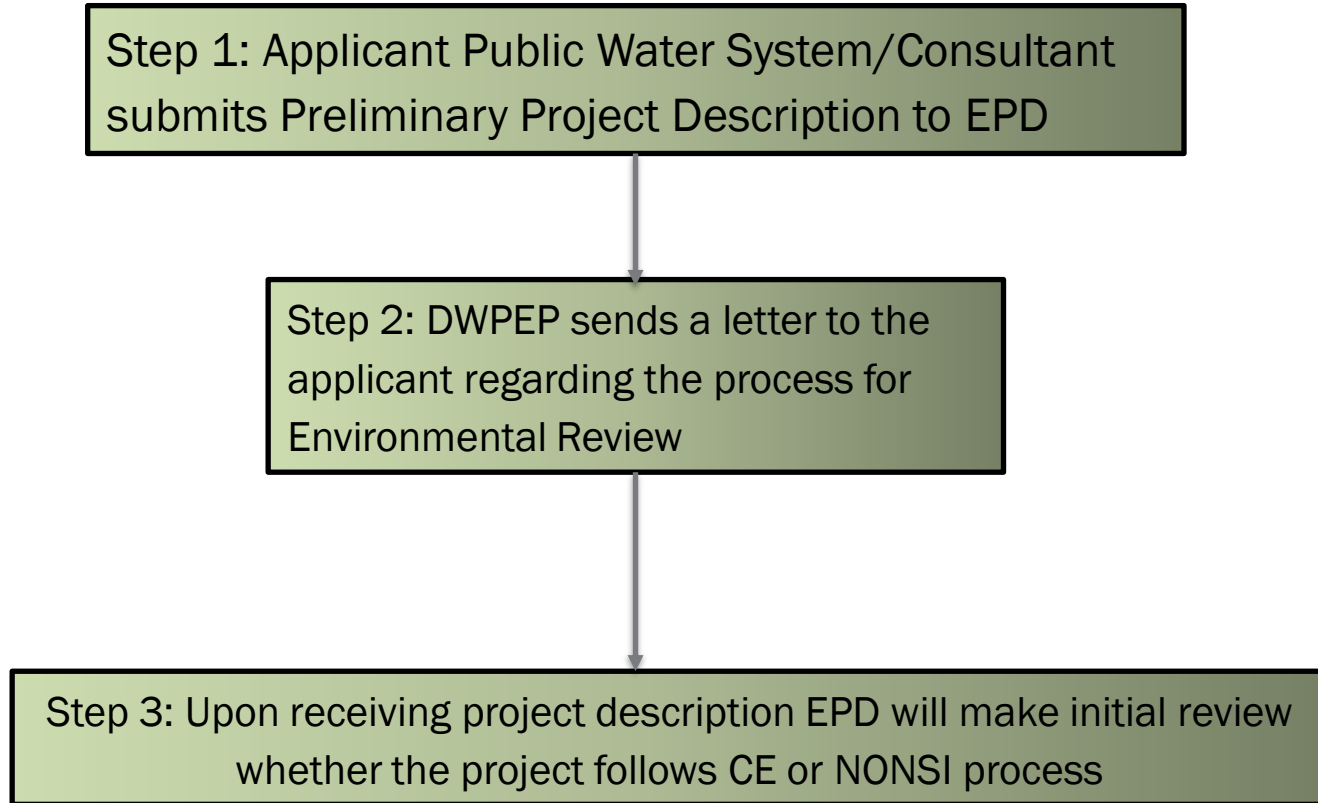


PROJECTS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CE

- **Requires issuance of a new or modification of an existing drinking water permit**
- **Have significant adverse effect on the quality of the human environment**
- **Directly or indirectly affect**
 - cultural resource areas
 - habitats of endangered or threatened species
 - environmentally important natural resource areas;
- **Not to be cost-effective or to cause significant public controversy.**

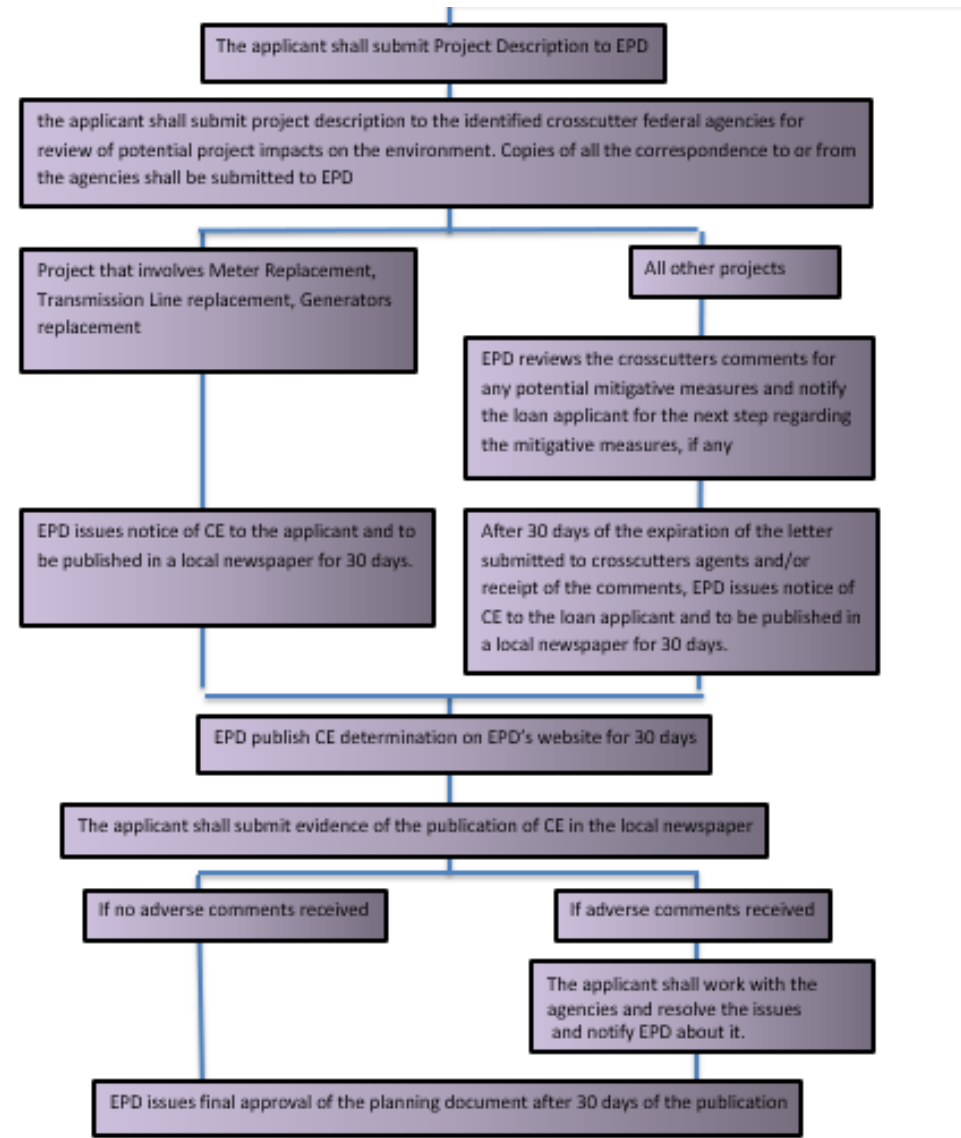


ARPA ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS



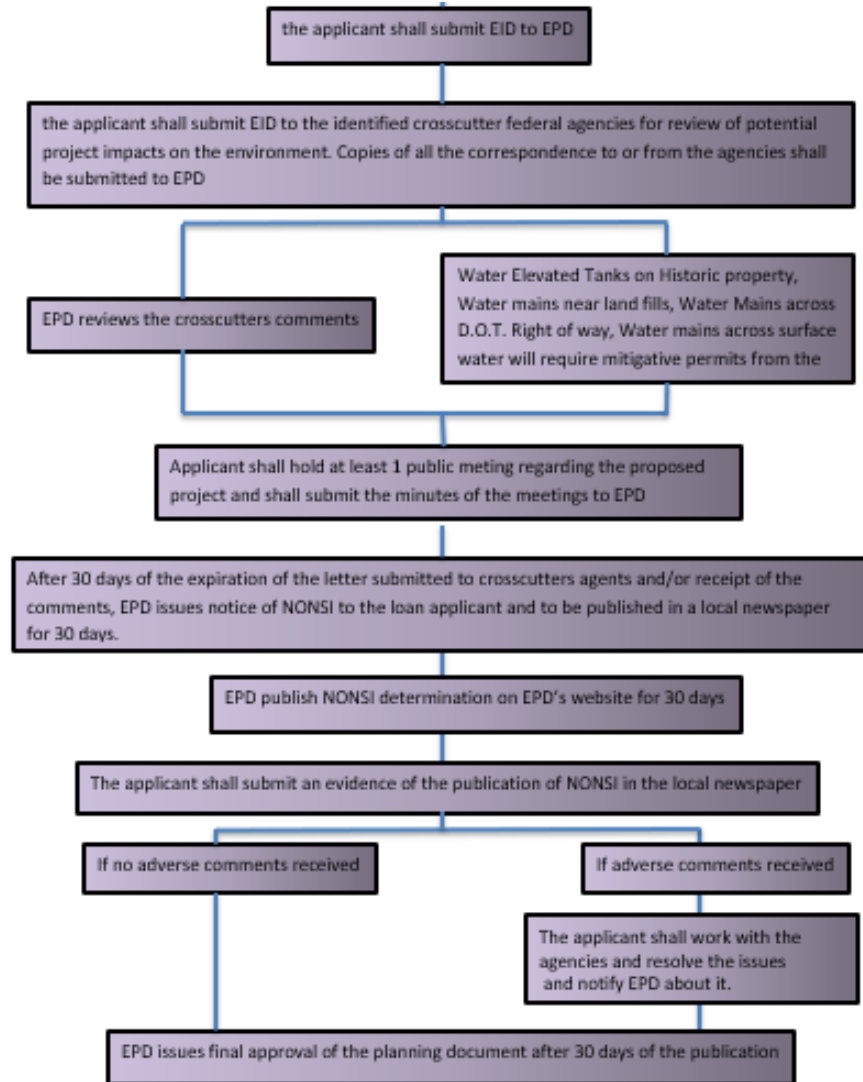


CE PROCESS





NONSI PROCESS





RESOURCES

- **DWSRF Guidance**

<https://epd.georgia.gov/document/document/drinking-water-state-revolving-fund-dwsrf-guidance-project-requirements-revised/download>

- **ARPA Review Process flow chart**

<https://epd.georgia.gov/state-american-rescue-plan-act-fund>



QUESTIONS?

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