

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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Mr. Dennis Bergin, City Manager City of Lula Post Office Box 99 Lula, Georgia 30554

> RE: GEFA Loan No. CW-2018-026 Sewer Line Extension Project Notice of No Significant Impact EPD #2018-126 Hall County

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Dear Mr. Bergin:

Attached is a copy of a *Notice of No Significant Impact (NONSI)* prepared for the abovereferenced project. The public comment period for this NONSI is 30 days. Please ensure that the NONSI is posted at a conspicuous location at the City for public review for 30 days from the date of this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 404-463-4945 or kelliann.sottile@dnr.ga.gov.

Sincerely,

Kelli-Ann Sottile Municipal Permitting Unit Wastewater Regulatory Program

Attachment: Notice Of No Significant Impact

cc: Mr. Robert Simmons, Rindt-McDuff Associates, Inc. (<u>rsimmons@rindt-mcduff.com</u>) Mr. Jacob DeWoody, Rindt-McDuff Associates, Inc. (<u>idewoody@rndt-mcduff.com</u>) Ms. Sarah Oken, GEFA (<u>soken@gefa.ga.gov</u>)



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

The City of Lula 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 extending an existing sewer line to serve future development. 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:	City of Lula Sewer Extension GEFA Loan No. CW-2018-026
Project Location:	City of Lula, Hall County, GA
Total Project Cost:	\$1,400,000
Anticipated SRF Loan Amount:	\$1,120,000

Project Description

The City of Lula proposes to install approximately 12,440 linear feet (LF) of 10 inch gravity sewer along U.S. Hwy. 365. The extended sewer line will provide a capacity of 0.72 MGD to serve future customers. Wastewater generated by the future development will be treated at the City's existing water pollution control plant, which has adequate capacity to handle the proposed flow.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve an undeveloped area of Hall County along U.S. Hwy 365 zoned for future residential and commercial development. The project will provide reliable service for the future development in the area. 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 City has also obtained approval from the Army Corps of Engineers for a Nationwide Permit for any disturbance to wetlands located along the project route. 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.

The City does not anticipate any user charge increases as a result of the project.

A public information meeting was held on August 16, 2018 at Lula Commission Meeting 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 examination upon request at Lula City Hall 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 kelli-ann.sottile@dnr.ga.gov or to the following address:

> **Environmental Protection Division** Watershed Protection Branch Wastewater Regulatory Program ATTN: Kelli-Ann Sottile 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: City of Lula

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Issue Date:

