



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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

The City of Lyons 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 construction of a force main, rehabilitation of the North and East WPCP, and construction of a solids handling facility. 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 Lyons
Lyons WPCP Rehabilitation and Force Main
GEFA Loan No. CW2016-005

Project Location: City of Lyons, Toombs County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$14,000,000

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$14,000,000

Project Description

The City of Lyons proposes to replace the influent pumps, mechanical screens, diffusers in aeration basins and aerobic digestors, blowers, clarifier mechanical equipment, emergency generators, telemetry, and drying beds at the North WPCP and East WPCP. In addition, a solid handling facility will be constructed at both treatment plants and a 14,600 linear foot 8-inch force main to connect the North WPCP and East WPCP will also be installed. The proposed project will also involve minor renovations to control buildings in order to install new electrical equipment.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the City of Lyons. The project will provide reliable treatment and effluent quality for the future population. Minor negative temporary impacts may include noise, dust and erosion/sedimentation associated with construction activities. Best Management Practices will be in place during construction. Additionally, appropriate construction techniques will be used to avoid permanent impacts to historical resources along the force main route, including the Georgia and Alabama Railroad. 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 project will take place primarily on City property (or right-of-way) and/or previously disturbed land.

The current rates for wastewater are anticipated to increase to approximately \$16 per residential customer.

A public information meeting was held on January 28, 2020 at Lyons City Hall 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 Lyons 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 josh.hayes@dnr.ga.gov or to the following address:

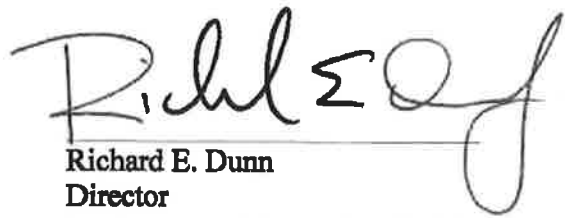
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Wastewater Regulatory Program
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After evaluating the comments received, a final decision regarding the loan will be made. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar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

Loan Recipient: City of Lyons
161 NE Broad Street
Lyons, GA 30436

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Issue Date: _____



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