

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

The City of Arabi 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), and the Georgia Office of Budget and Planning for a grant through the State American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The project consists of the construction of a sewer collection system and a wastewater treatment plant. 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 Arabi
New Collection System & Wastewater Treatment Plant
GEFA Loan No. CW-2025-005
ARPA Grant No. GA-0005907

Project Location: City of Arabi, Crisp County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$7,426,303

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$2,464,550

Anticipated ARPA Grant Amount: \$4,961,753

Project Description

The project will replace poorly performing and failing on-site septic systems throughout the City. The new sewer system will consist of a low-pressure collection system and a new 0.1-MGD water pollution control plant. The treatment process will include pre-equalization tank, biological treatment (recirculating bead filter), UV disinfection, and post aeration. Sludge will be dewatered and disposed of in a landfill. The treated effluent will be discharged to an unnamed tributary of Lime Creek in the Suwanee River Basin.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the City of Arabi. The project will provide reliable treatment and effluent quality for customers currently being served by failing on-site treatment systems and 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. The project will take place primarily on City property (or right-of-way) and/or previously disturbed land and no impacts to existing buildings are anticipated as a result of the project. The current rates for wastewater are anticipated to increase to approximately \$35.00 per residential customer.

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 September 2, 2021 at Arabi 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 Environmental Review and Planning Document (ERPD) is available for public review upon request at Arabi 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 ethan.rhine@dnr.ga.gov or to the following address:

Ethan Rhine
Environmental Protection Division
Wastewater Regulatory Program
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Suite 1470A 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 Arabi
4110 Bedgood Avenue
Arabi, GA 31712

Issue Date: 07/23/2025 _____



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