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

The City of Adel 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 new sewer mains and lift station, as well as the rehabilitation of an existing lift station. 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 Adel

Pump Station and Sewer System Improvements

GEFA Loan No. CW-2020-004

Project Location: City of Adel, Cook County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$2,750,000

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$2,750,000

### **Project Description**

The City of Adel proposes to install a new lift station (i.e. Lift Station #13) and sewer mains along Alabama Road in order to accommodate future industrial development on the western side of I-75. The project consists of the installation of approximately 3,800 linear feet (LF) of 10-in gravity sewer, a new lift station with an 8 ft diameter wet well and two 15-HP submersible pumps, and approximately 4,800 LF of 10-in force main. Wastewater will be conveyed to the existing Adel WPCP for treatment which has sufficient capacity for the increased flow.

The project also consists of the rehabilitation of existing Lift Station #18, including replacement of the three 60-HP submersible pumps and relining of the wet well. Furthermore, approximately 1,200 LF of 10-in force main, which currently diverts flow from Lift Station #18 to a holding pond, will be abandoned as the diversion is no longer needed for operation of the Adel WPCP. These improvements will address aging infrastructure and aid in simplifying the City's sewer system layout and lift station operations.

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### **Anticipated Impacts**

The proposed project will serve the City of Adel. The project will provide reliable access for future industrial developments in the City to dispose of their wastewater, address concerns with aging infrastructure, and simplify the City's sewer system layout and lift station operations.

Minor negative temporary impacts may include noise, dust and erosion/sedimentation associated with construction activities. Additionally, the South Georgia Railroad and the railroad right-of-way (ROW) have been identified within the vicinity of the proposed upgrades; however, horizontal boring will be utilized in to mitigate any potential impacts. Best Management Practices will be in place during construction.

The project will take place primarily on City right-of-ways and easements. No impacts to existing buildings are anticipated as a result of the project.

There will be no increase to customer sewer rates as a result of the 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 November 4, 2020 at Adel 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 Adel 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.

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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: City of Adel

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Issue Date: <u>1-22-2021</u>

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