



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

The City of Richland 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 chlorine contact chamber at the Richland Water Pollution Control 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 Richland
Disinfection Addition
GEFA Loan No. CW-2021-002

Project Location: City of Richland, Stewart County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$262,100

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$262,100

Project Description

The City of Richland proposes to construct a chlorine contact chamber at the Richland Water Pollution Control Plant. The project will include a new chemical storage building for the sodium hypochlorite and sodium bisulfite, as well as chemical dosing pumps. The project will enable the City to meet the new fecal coliform bacteria effluent limitations in NPDES Permit No. GA0021539 issued on April 11, 2019.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the City of Richland. The project will provide reliable treatment and effluent quality throughout the lifespan of the facility.

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 and no impacts to existing buildings are anticipated as a result of the project.

The current monthly rates for wastewater are anticipated to increase by approximately \$5 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 December 8, 2020 via teleconference 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 Richland 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 august.lutkehus@dnr.ga.gov or to the following address:

Environmental Protection Division
Watershed Protection Branch
Wastewater Regulatory Program
ATTN: August Lutkehus
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 Richland
390 Broad Street
Richland, Georgia 31825

JAN 19 2021

Issue Date: _____



Richard E. Dunn
Director
Environmental Protection Division

