



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

The City of Ringold has made an application to the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) and the Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD) for a loan through the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF). The loan will fund installation of a 1000 gallons per minute (gpm) drinking water well, construction of a treatment facility and installation of a transmission line from Poplar Springs Road to Alabama Highway. The loan also includes the Peters Lane Water Line Replacement project. The applicant has certified that the project is environmentally sound. As required by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program Guidelines, an environmental review has been performed on the project described below:

Project Name:	Poplar Springs Road Water Treatment Facility and Transmission Water Line & Peters Lane Water Line Replacement
Project Location:	City of Ringold, Catoosa County, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$5,700,000.00
Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount:	\$5,700,000.00

Project Description

The City of Ringgold plans to install one (1) new drinking water well with a well capacity of 1000 gallons per minute (gpm). The loan includes construction of a treatment facility to provide PFAS filtration, fluoridation, corrosion control and chlorine disinfection as well as installation of approximately 2,130 linear feet of 24-inch ductile iron transmission waterline and 2,000 linear feet of 12- inch ductile iron pipe waterline to connect to existing local distribution system. The loan also covers the Peters Lane Water Line Replacement project which involves installing 2,291 feet of 12-inch Ductile Iron Pipe. This new line will connect a critical section of the system that supplies water service to the entire city replacing and upgrading the existing 6-inch and 8-inch cast iron pipe installed in the late 1960s.

Anticipated Impacts

The project is anticipated to have minimal or no impact on air quality, solid waste, water resources, water supply, storm water, water withdrawal and noise. The proposed project will have minor impact on wastewater generation and disposal. The only wastewater discharged from the facility is a small volume generated during periodic well maintenance and PFAS treatment backwash. This flow is directed to the existing City of Ringgold sanitary sewer system. The City’s collection system has more than adequate capacity to accept these low intermittent volumes. The wastewater is treated at the regional wastewater treatment facility in Chattanooga, Tennessee, which has sufficient excess capacity and discharges to the Tennessee River. All project activities will be confined to existing road rights-of-way (ROW) and/or existing easements, and where activities occur outside of the road ROW/easements, including yards, the

project site will be returned to its pre-project condition, including sidewalks, curbing, and driveways. Based on responses from government agencies, the proposed project will have minor impact on the environment, cultural resources, and residents within the service area.

A review of the Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Information Document for the proposed project has been performed by EPD's Drinking Water Permitting and Engineering Program. A copy of these documents is available for public examination upon request at EPD between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The addresses where a copy is available are listed below.

During the development and design of this project, City of Ringgold has solicited public input. The project has undergone an Executive Order 12372 Review through the State agencies. The project has also been submitted to the Corps of Engineers, State Historic Preservation Office, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for review. No adverse comments have been received. No further environmental review of the project is proposed to be conducted prior to the release of loan funds.

If there are no public objections, then this Notice of No Significant Impact (NONSI) will be adopted without further public notice and Georgia Environmental Protection Division Drinking Water Permitting and Engineering program will issue final approval of the project planning document. No further environmental review of the 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 thirty (30) days of the issuance date of this notice to:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division
ATTN: Tamika Samaroo, Environmental Engineer
Drinking Water Program
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE - Suite 1052 East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9000

After evaluating all comments received, EPD will make a final decision regarding approval of the project planning documents. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this Notice.



Issue Date: 12/9/2025

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Loan Recipient:
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