

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

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

DWSRF Loan # 2016019

WSID # GA1030001

City of Rincon has made application to the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD) for a loan through the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF). 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: Construction of Well, Water Main, and Elevated Storage Tank, HWY 21 North

Project Location: City of Rincon, Effingham County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$ 2,539,082.00

Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount: \$ 2,539,082.00

Project Description

The City intends to complete the planning, permitting and construction of new water wells that was previously drilled in 2007. The well will be designed to withdraw from the lower floridian aquifer as permitted by GA EPD GW Permit #051-0015, with a production capacity of approximately 1,000 gpm.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will increase water quality from north to central part of the city; increase pressure and fire protection from the north to the central part of the city; allow the city to take two small back up wells and 60,000 gallon elevated storage tank out of service; and maintain connection to surface water to utilize as back up or for proposed industrial development on west side of the city. A review of the Engineering Report and Environmental Information Document for the proposed project has been performed by EPD's Drinking Water Permitting and Engineering Program. The review of these Documents explains in more detail why an environmental impact statement is not required. A copy of the 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 and at the City Hall, Rincon, GA during normal business hours. The addresses where a copy is available are listed below.

During the development and design of this project, the City of Rincon has solicited public input. A public meeting was held on July 25, 2016 to discuss this project and allow additional public input. The project has also been submitted to the U.S. Army 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. However, the applicant must comply with all applicable state and/or

federal permitting requirements prior to beginning construction of the project.

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: Lynn C. Ellis, Environmental Engineer
Drinking Water Permitting and Engineering Program
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S.E. - Suite 1362 East
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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:

8/30/16



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Drinking Water

Loan Recipient: City of Rincon, GA
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