



# GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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

The Cook County Board of Commissioners has applied to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD), and the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) for a loan through its State Revolving Fund (SRF). This loan is for construction of a new leachate collection system and to meet regulatory requirements for the State and Federal Governments. 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:	Cook County Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Expansion Installation of Pollution Control System
Project Location:	South portion of Cook County off of I-75, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$4,091,000
Anticipated SRF Loan Amount:	\$1,051,229

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Cook County Board of Commissioners proposes to construct additional 4 cells at the existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfill (MSWL). The project will provide more capacity for the MSWL and consists of installing a leachate collection system as part of the expansion. The leachate collection system includes 60 MIL liner, 24" clay liner subbase, Perf HDPE pipe, Non-Perf pipe, manhole and 10 " HDPE storm pipe. The project will improve water quality by preventing leachate from going into the groundwater.

### **ANTICIPATED IMPACTS**

The project will serve the Cook County and surrounding counties that will use the Cook County MSWL. The proposed areas of MSWL expansion consist of rural agricultural areas which are currently undeveloped. Some of the areas that will be developed include forest lands, which may increase storm water runoff. However, appropriate erosion and sediment control practices will be implemented to mitigate the increase in runoff. There will be no anticipated adverse secondary impacts associated with the project. Consequently, a preliminary decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement has been made.

The reasons for the decision not to prepare such a Statement are 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.

A public information meeting was held on August 28, 2017 at Cook County Courthouse to discuss the proposed project. No comments were received during the 30-day advertisement period prior to the meeting and during the meeting.

An Environmental Review Record that documents the environmental review of this project and explains in more detail why an Environmental Impact Statement is not required has been made by EPD. The Environmental Review Record is on file at the EPD address listed below. A copy of the planning document is available for public examination upon request at the Cook County Board of Commissioners and at EPD between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

All interested agencies, groups, and/or persons supporting or disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments, within 30 days of the issuance date of this notice, to:

Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
Environmental Protection Division  
Watershed Protection Branch  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr., Suite 1152 East  
Atlanta, GA 30334

After evaluating any 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 the issuance of this Notice.

Loan Recipient: Cook County Board of Commissioners  
1200 South Hutchinson Avenue  
Adel, Georgia 31620

10-6-2017  
Issue Date

  
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GEFA Loan No: CW2017-010

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