

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

Chemical Feeding and Storage Improvements

City of Ringgold, Georgia

WSID# GA 0470002

DWSRF Loan# 15-021

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has conducted a review of the above subject project in accordance with the State's Environmental Review Process (SERP) for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) projects. The EPD has determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Accordingly, the EPD is exempting the project from further substantive environmental review requirements under Georgia's SERP.

The proposed project involves the conversion from feeding dry chemicals to liquid chemicals in order to improve the control, accuracy, and efficiency of the dose of the chemicals being fed and thereby improve the quality and decrease the cost of the finished water being produced. The project will also: a) improve the safety of the WTP operators, b) provide a separate room for feeding fluoride, and c) provide better and more energy efficient lighting.

This project is eligible for a categorical exclusion because it meets the following specific criteria, outlined in the DWSRF SERP: "Improvements to existing surface or ground water treatment plants, including improvements to enhance security, which do not add a significant change in treatment capacity". Furthermore:

- The project will not require issuance of a new or modification of an existing ground water or surface water withdrawal permit;
- The project is not known or expected to have a significant adverse effect on the quality of the human environment, either individually, cumulatively over time, or in conjunction with other Federal, State, local or private actions;
- The project is not known or expected to directly or indirectly have a significant adverse effect on: cultural resource areas, such as archaeological and historic sites; habitats of endangered or threatened species; or environmentally important natural resource areas, such as floodplains, wetlands, important farmlands or aquifer recharge areas; and
- The action is cost-effective and is not expected to cause significant public controversy.


This determination shall become effective after thirty (30) days following its distribution by EPD and can be revoked if significant adverse information is made available. The documentation to support this decision is on file with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division and is available for public scrutiny upon request. A copy of the proposed project documentation is also available for review at the City of Ringgold City Hall Georgia Government.

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

Georgia Environmental Protection Division
Adriana Bustillos, Environmental Engineer
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After evaluating the 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 publication of this Notice in a local newspaper that serves the Catoosa County area.

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