

## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

Water System Improvement  
Schley County Water Authority  
WSID # GA2490004 DWSRF Loan # DW2016038

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has conducted a review of the above subject project's planning document 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 includes the placing of a green sand filter at the Water Authority's well site located at Goolsby-Stevens Road. This improvement project will remove iron and manganese to comply with EPD's Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels (SMCLs).

This proposed project is eligible for a categorical exclusion because it meets the following specific criteria, outlined in the DWSRF SERP:

- All construction will take place within previously disturbed areas within the existing well and treatment facility site currently owned by the Schley County Water Authority.
- Work will be done on Schley County Water Authority (WTP) land and will not disturb any area not previously disturbed when WTP was constructed.
- The project will not increase the ground water withdrawal or treatment capacity of the existing facility/system
- No new customer will be served by this project.

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.

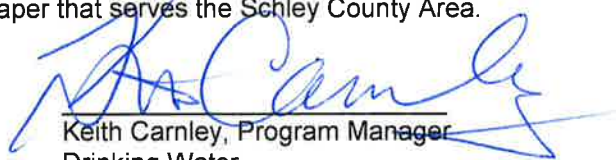
This determination shall become effective after thirty (30) days following its distribution by EPD and can be revoked if significant adverse information is made available. The documentation to support this decision is on file with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division and is available for public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

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  
Rais Khan, Environmental Engineer  
Drinking Water Permitting & Engineering Unit  
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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 Schley County Area.

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