



CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

Water Pollution Control Plant Upgrade

City of Trion, Georgia

CW2017-012

(Chattooga County)

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has conducted a review of the above project in accordance with the State's Environmental Review Process (SERP) for Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) projects. EPD has determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Accordingly, no further environmental review is planned. The proposed CWSRF project consists of upgrading the solids treatment train (sludge thickener, filter belt presses, dewatering building, etc.). The City may conduct other miscellaneous upgrades. All improvements will take place within the existing treatment plant site, on previously disturbed property.

This project is eligible for a categorical exclusion because it meets the following specific criteria, outlined in the CWSRF SERP: rehabilitation of existing facilities, functional replacement of equipment and construction of new ancillary facilities adjacent to existing facilities. Furthermore: the project will not create a new or relocate an existing discharge to surface or ground waters; the project will not substantially increase the volume of discharge or loading of pollutants; the project will not provide capacity to serve a population 30% greater than the existing population; the project will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment; the action will not directly or indirectly affect cultural resources, habitats of endangered or threatened species, or environmentally important natural resource areas; and the action is cost-effective and should cause no significant public controversy.

This determination becomes effective after thirty (30) days following its distribution by EPD. This exclusion may be revoked at any time if: 1) the project is altered and no longer meets the requirements of a categorical exclusion, 2) new evidence shows that serious environmental issues exist, or 3) a local, State or Federal law is being or may be violated. The information which supports 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 Hall in Trion, Georgia.

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
Mr. Benoit Causse
Wastewater Regulatory Program
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 1152 East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

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

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Environmental Protection Division

