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

The City of Perry Water System has made an 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 loan is for water system improvements: decommission Water Treatment Plant No. 1 and construct Water Treatment Plant No. 3. 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:

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| Project Name: | Water System Improvements: decommission Water Treatment Plant No. 1 and construct Water Treatment Plant No. 3 |
| Project Location: | Houston County, Georgia |
| Total Project Cost: | \$6,800,000.00 |
| Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount: | \$6,800,000.00 |

Project Description

Under this project, the applicant will decommission water treatment plant (WTP) No. 1 that has a rated capacity of 1.9 MGD but has a limited production capacity of 0.5 MGD or less; decommission Well No. 4 that has a rated capacity of 1.3 MGD and Well No. 5 that has rated capacity of 1.5 MGD; construct a new WTP with two (2) 1-MGD treatment trains for a total capacity of 2 MGD to replace WTP No. 1; and construct two (2) new ground water wells with a capacity of 2 MGD to replace Wells No. 4 and 5. This project is needed to maintain adequate capacity within the system. The City's total amount of water produced must not exceed the limits imposed by the current EPD groundwater withdrawal permit.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project would ensure a safe supply of drinking water. This project will benefit an estimated population of 14,267 existing residents. The overall impact of the proposed project will be beneficial.

A preliminary decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement has been made. The reasons for such a decision not to prepare such a statement are as follows: No project activity is anticipated to result in adverse environmental impacts, which cannot be easily mitigated with minimal extra expense or delay in project implementation. The project's construction will primarily occur in existing right-of-ways and/or on land that is currently owned by the Authority; therefore, temporary impacts due to construction can be minimized.

A review of the Engineering Report and Environmental Information Document for the proposed project has been performed by EPD's Drinking Water Permitting & Engineering Program. The review of these documents supports the decision that an environmental impact statement is not required. A copy of these 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 of Perry's Office 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 Perry has solicited public input. They conducted a public meeting on September 5, 2017, to further discuss this project and allow additional public input. The project has undergone an Executive Order 12372 Review through the Georgia State Agencies. 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. However, the Historic Preservation Division recommends a vegetative buffer along the east and north sides of the project area in order to further minimize the visual impact of the proposed project.

No further environmental review of the project is proposed to be conducted prior to the release of loan funds.

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: Madina Mugisa, Environmental Engineer III
Drinking Water Program
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE - Suite 1362 East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9000

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.



Keith Carnley, Program Manager

Issue Date: October 17, 2017

Review copies available at:

Loan Recipient:

Ms. Brenda L. King, Director of Administration
City of Perry
1211 Washington Street
Perry, Georgia 31069

EPD address above