

Categorical Exclusion

North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicant: *Johnston County*
Date: *3/17/2021*
Project Number: *WIF 1948*
Estimated Project Cost: *\$4,510,000*
Estimated Funding Amount: *\$4,510,000*

Project Description: *The project includes various upgrades at the WTP to improve ease and accuracy of operation and improve the water quality produced. Improvements include a new SCADA system, relocation of caustic feed system, replacement of deteriorated meters, post filter chemical feed improvements, a new Sodium Hypochlorite tank, an additional ferric chloride and sodium chloride storage tanks, a mechanical sludge removal system for sedimentation basin No. 2, improved chemical mixing at Johnston West Clearwell and headspace ventilation at Johnston East Clearwell.*

Johnston County will receive funding assistance from the State Revolving Fund. The North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure (Division) has conducted a review of the project in accordance with the NCGS §159G-38. The Division has determined that this project is below the minor construction activities threshold outlined in 15A NCAC 01C .0408; therefore, the project is exempt from inter-agency review, and the preparation of additional environmental documents is not required.

This determination shall become effective upon its distribution by the Division and will be available on the Division's website (<https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-infrastructure/division-water-infrastructure/environmental-documents>). This determination can be revoked at any time adverse information is made available. The documentation to support this decision will be on file with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Infrastructure, and is available for public scrutiny upon request.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Ms. Jennifer Haynie, Environment and Special Projects Unit, Division of Water Infrastructure, 1633 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699, or she can be reached by phone at (919) 707-9173.

Sincerely,



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