

Categorical Exclusion

North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicant: *Town of Pilot Mountain*
Date: *July 28, 2023*
Project Name: *Pilot Mountain WWTP Upgrades*
Project Number: *VUR-W-ARP-0077; CS370545-05*
Estimated Project Cost: *\$10,038,440*
Estimated Funding Amount: *\$10,000,000*

Project Description: Rehabilitation of aeration basins to include concrete repairs and replacement of aeration assembly with disc aerators; replacement of bar screen, chemical feed pumps, RAS/WAS pumps, sludge holding tank aerators and mixers, belt filter press, polymer system, and solids handling pumps; conversion of gas to liquid chlorination/dichlorination system; improvements to the dewatering building, chemical storage building, and operations building; installation of SCADA and a backup generator.

The above-named applicant 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 the 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 Mr. Jon Risgaard, Section Chief, State Revolving Fund Section, Division of Water Infrastructure, 1633 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699, or he can be reached by phone at (919) 707-9175.

Sincerely,

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