

## Categorical Exclusion

### North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicant: *AQUA North Carolina, Inc.*  
Date: *April 11, 2024*  
Project Name: *AQUA Wyntree & Willow Hill Well Improvements Project*  
Project Number: *WIF-2046*  
Estimated Project Cost: *\$1,052,512.50 (incl. 2% closing fee)*  
Estimated Funding Amount: *\$1,031,875*

#### Project Description:

##### *At Wyntree Well #1 Site –*

*Installation of granular activated carbon (GAC) filtration unit OR ion exchange (IX) filtration unit for removal of PFOS/PFOA; modification of existing raw water line for redirection to new filtration building; and installation of associated piping, valves, and appurtenances. All construction is located within existing right-of-way and property boundaries.*

##### *At Willow Hill Well #3 Site –*

*Installation of approximately 370 linear feet (LF) of 6-inch watermain to provide an interconnection between the Willow Hill public water system and the new Highland Park public water system; installation of one (1) pressure reducing valve; decommissioning of Willow Hill Well #3; and installation of associated valves and appurtenances. All construction is located within existing right-of-way.*

The above-named applicant will receive funding assistance from the State Revolving Fund. The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, 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 Division, and is available for public scrutiny upon request.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed in writing to Ms. Stephanie Suter, Deputy Director, Division of Water Infrastructure, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, 1633 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699. Alternatively, she can be reached via telephone at 919.707.9044 or via e-mail at [stephanie.suter@deq.nc.gov](mailto:stephanie.suter@deq.nc.gov).

Sincerely,

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