

# Categorical Exclusion

## North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicant: *Town of Surf City*  
Date: *May 3, 2024*  
Project Name: *Water System Resiliency Projects*  
Project Number: *WIF-2012*  
Estimated Project Cost: *\$6,941,100 (This cost includes closing costs in pending funding offer)*  
Estimated Funding Amount: *\$6,805,000 (This amount reflects amount in pending funding offer)*

Project Description: *Construct a new 1,000-GPM supply well including wellhouse and associated piping and standby power generator at the site of existing Well No. 2 to be abandoned.*  
*Install ±600 LF of 12-inch raw water main to connect the new well to the existing transmission main to the water treatment plant.*  
*Upgrade existing Well No. 3 pumping equipment.*  
*Install a new 3,200 LF, 12-inch finished water transmission main including crossing the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWC) by directional drilling to create a redundant connection between the mainland and island area of the system*  
*Replace approximately 2,860 LF of 4-inch diameter water main with 8-inch DR14 C-900 PVC water main along North Shore Drive*

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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