

## Categorical Exclusion

### North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicant: *City of Whiteville*  
Date: *August 14, 2024*  
Project Name: *Phase 3 Sewer Improvements*  
Project Number: *SRF-W-0007*  
Estimated Project Cost: *\$6,936,000 (includes 2% fee of \$136,000)*  
Estimated Funding Amount: *\$6,800,000 (CWSRF loan)*

*Project Description: Collection System: Replacement of approximately 11,525 LF of 8-inch and 12-inch gravity sewer; rehabilitation of approximately 150 LF of 12-inch gravity sewer and fifty-two (52) manholes along Franklin Street and Lee Street. // Lift Station No. 2: Installation of an emergency generator at LS No.2. // Lift Station No. 3: Replacement and relocation of LS No.3 above the 100-year floodplain; and installation of an emergency generator.*

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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