

# Categorical Exclusion

## North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicant: *Cape Fear Public Utility Authority*  
Date: *February 21, 2025*  
Project Name: *Lead Gooseneck and Galvanized Water Service Lateral Replacement*  
Project Numbers: *SRF-D-LSL-0012 (Phase I) and SRF-D-LSL-0094 (Phase II)*  
Estimated Project Cost: *\$11,223,000*  
Estimated Funding Amount: *\$10,149,994*

Project Description: *Phase I - Replacement of lead goosenecks and galvanized water service lines at 369 addresses, with 131 services requiring replacement on both the public and private side of the meter, 237 services requiring replacement on the public side only, and one (1) service requiring replacement on the private side only.*  
*Phase II - Replacement of lead goosenecks and galvanized water service lines at 86 addresses, with 32 addresses requiring replacement on both the public and private sides of the meter and 54 addresses requiring replacement on the public side only.*

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).

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