

Categorical Exclusion

North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicant: *Orange Water and Sewer Authority*
Date: *January 15, 2020*
Project Number: *WIF 1980*
Estimated Project Cost: *\$4,262,000*
Estimated Funding Amount: *\$3,730,400*

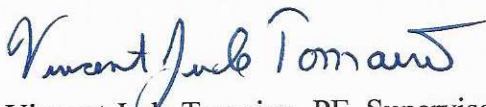
Project Description: Replacement of Belt Filter Press #1 at OWASA's Jones Ferry Road Drinking Water Treatment Plant; Installation of new solids conveyor and loading system, monitoring and control system, HVAC system, tepid water system, safety equipment and new access platforms, polymer feed system, structural modifications, a new roof and other improvements at the Solids Dewatering Building; and Installation of piping improvements at the Solids Thickening Pump Station to enable temporary dewatering.

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 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 Ms. Jennifer Haynie, Environment and Special Projects Unit, Division of Water Infrastructure, 1633 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699, or she can be reached by phone at (919) 707-9173.

Sincerely,



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