

Categorical Exclusion

North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicant: City of Oxford
Date: October 1, 2021
Project Number: CS370439-09
Estimated Project Cost: \$6,183,240
Estimated Funding Amount: \$6,062,000

Project Description: The proposed project includes the following improvements at the City's existing wastewater treatment plant: new VFD for Oxidation ditch #1; rehabilitation of RAS pump stations including replacing existing pumps and adding a third pump, and associated piping and valves; sludge blanket monitoring equipment in clarifiers; replacing traveling bridge filters with disc filters; replacing aerobic digester's blowers; pre-engineered electrical building; replacing diffusers of Digester 1; SCADA upgrade; and Arc Flash study.

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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