

Request for Categorical Exclusion from Substantive Environmental Review (CE)

Instructions:

1. Provide the WIF number for the project for which you are requesting consideration.
2. Fill out the Applicant's formal name. For a county authority, please specify which county. "County Water District VII" is not a complete name; "ABC County Water District VII" is a complete name.
3. Check all applicable exclusions. Failure to check an applicable exclusion will result in the rejection of your request.
4. Either the "authorized representative" or the Professional Engineer must sign the form. If the Professional Engineer signs the form, the Professional Engineer must seal the form.
5. Submit as part of the ER/EID, following the "**Factsheet: Instructions for Applicants Seeking a Federal Categorical Exclusion**" available under this webpage: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wil/planning>.

WIF No.: WIF1953
Applicant: Town of Robersonville
Project Name: Water System Improvements

Project Description

This project will consist of the abandonment of 6,200 LF of 2-inch line and 8,070 LF of replacement of 2-inch water main with 6-inch water main, as well and the replacement of 8 fire hydrants and 6 new fire hydrant assemblies without increasing the demand of the water system.

I certify that the project described in the application for state-supplied financial assistance meets all of the applicable general criteria listed in 15A NCAC 01C .0408 (1), and consists solely of activities exempted under the specific criteria of 15A NCAC 01C .0408 (2) checked below:

Please check all the exclusion(s) that apply:

- Potable water systems including the construction or rehabilitation of wells for water supply purposes with associated groundwater withdrawals of less than 1,000,000 gallons per day where such withdrawals are not expected to cause alterations in established land use patterns, or degradation of groundwater or surface water quality.
[15A NCAC 01C .0408 (2)(c)].

Other potable water systems including the following:

- Improvements to water treatment plants that involve less than 1,000,000 gallons per day added capacity and total design withdrawal less than one-fifth of the 7-day, 10-year low flow of the contributing stream;
[15A NCAC 01C .0408 (2)(b)(i)]
- Improvements not intended to add capacity to the facility; [15A NCAC 01C .0408 (2)(b)(ii)]
- Installation of waterlines and appurtenances in existing rights-of-way for streets or utilities, or water lines and appurtenances less than five miles in length and having only directional bore stream crossings or no stream crossings; [NCGS. § 113A-12(1) & 15A NCAC 01C .0408 (2)(b)(iii)]
- Construction of water tanks, or booster pumping or secondary or remote disinfection stations;
[15A NCAC 01C .0408 (2)(b)(iv)]
- Dams less than 25 feet in height and having less than 50 acre-feet or storage capacity [15A NCAC 01C .0408 (2)(h)] (Notes: #1 Dam projects are ineligible for federally recognized CE. #2 Only off-stream raw water reservoirs for pre-treatment purposes are eligible for SRF funding.)

I further certify that the project does not have a significant direct, indirect, cumulative or secondary adverse environmental impact as described in 15A NCAC 01C .0306, and that none of the following descriptions apply to the project:

- the proposed activity may have a potential for significant adverse effects on wetlands; surface waters such as rivers, streams and estuaries; parklands; game lands; prime agricultural or forest lands; or areas of local, state or federally recognized scenic, recreational, archaeological, ecological, scientific research or historical value, including secondary impacts; or would threaten a species identified on the Department of Interior's or the state's threatened and endangered species lists; [15A NCAC 01C .0306 (1)] or
- the proposed activity could cause changes in industrial, commercial, residential, agricultural, or silvicultural land use concentrations or distributions which would be expected to create adverse water quality, instream flow, air quality, or ground water impacts; or affect long-term recreational benefits, fish, wildlife, or their natural habitats; [15A NCAC 01C .0306 (2)] or
- the proposed activity has secondary impacts, or is part of cumulative impacts, not generally covered in the approval process for the state action, and that may result in a potential risk to human health or the environment; [15A NCAC 01C .0306 (3)].

Therefore, I believe our project is eligible for consideration for a CE from the State's environmental assessment review processes and request that the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) concur with this determination.

I understand that DENR may determine that the proposed activity is of such an unusual nature or has such widespread implications that a concern for its environmental effects has been identified by DENR or expressed to DENR. I understand that, in this case, the activity may be ineligible for CE under 15A NCAC 01C .0306 (4).

- We are applying for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan and include the required comment letters. **OR**
- We are not applying for the DWSRF.

William A. Larsen, PE

Authorized Representative or Engineer Printed Name

William A. Larsen 11.28.2018

Authorized Representative or Engineer Signature & Date

PROJECT ENGINEER

Authorized Representative or Engineer Title

State Use Only (Review)

Reviewed by: *Patti Pauli*

Date: *1/3/19*

Departmental Approval: *Vincent Tommaso*

Date: *1/3/2019*



December 20, 2018

Robin Peele
NC Department of Water Infrastructure
NC Department of Environmental Quality
512 N. Salisbury Street
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Ref: Engineer's Certification for SHPO Categorical Exclusion
Water System Improvements
Town of Robersonville, North Carolina
TWC No. 2524-CW WIF-1953

Robin Peele:

The Town of Robersonville has requested and been awarded funding through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program to undertake the improvements of their water distribution system. Given the nature of the intended work and the project area, the Town has requested "Categorical Exclusion" from substantive environmental review requirement (CE) under 15A NCAC 1C .0408 "minimum criteria" rules.

The project will consist of the replacement of 2-inch water mains with 6-inch water mains and the abandonment of parallel 2-inch lines around the northern portion of the Town. The line work will be contained to currently-maintained utility easements. The proposed project costs are approximately \$779,030.

Of the 25 historical sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places for Martin County, only 2 are located within the vicinity of the project area in Robersonville:

- Robersonville Primitive Baptist Church
- First Christian Church

The water main replacements will take place within NCDOT right-of-ways and utility easements and are located, at a minimum, one mile from these landmarks. The project will not impact the routine operations of any of the above historical locations.

Overall, the project consists solely of new or replacement waterlines in previously disturbed road or utility rights-of-way.

Should there be a change in project scope or site conditions, this request will be re-evaluated and appropriate measures taken. If you have any questions, please contact our office.

Best Regards,

THE WOOTEN COMPANY

By:


William A. Larsen, P.E.

Enc:

Via: Email

Cc: TWC File



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The proposed project will not involve any stream crossings. As the water main replacements will take place within NCDOT right-of-ways and utility easements, the wetland areas will not be disturbed during construction. Appropriate measures will be taken to ensure that risks to the surrounding environment resulting from construction activity are mitigated through erosion control measures, and construction scheduling.

I have determined that no US Army Corps of Engineers Permit is required.

Should there be a change in project scope or site conditions, this request will be re-evaluated and appropriate measures taken. If you have any questions, please contact our office.

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January 2, 2018

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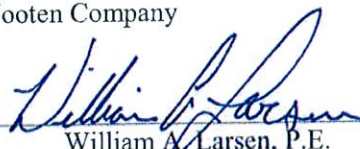
The proposed project will not inflict permanent impact related to wildlife and natural vegetation. Various species may be displaced due to the noise involved during construction but are expected to return once construction is completed. Noise impact will be mitigated by installing proper muffling equipment on construction equipment. Construction will be confined to currently-maintained easements or previously-disturbed utility easements.

I have determined that no US Fish and Wildlife Permit is Required.

Should there be a change in project scope or site conditions, this request will be re-evaluated and appropriate measures taken. If you have any questions, please contact our office.

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Review Checklist: Request for Categorical Exclusion for DWSRF Projects

Applicant: Robersonville, Town of WIF # 1953
 Project Name: "Water System Improvements"

Required for all Requests for Categorical Exclusion (CEs)

Cross-Cutting Authority	Responsible Agency/Action(s) Taken/Dates Actions Taken
Archeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974, Pub. L. 86-523, as amended	North Carolina Dept. of Cultural Resources for signoff. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blanket letter from applicant OK? <u>12/20/18</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Comments from agency OK? _____
National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, PL 89-665, as amended	
Protection of Wetlands, Executive Order 11990	US Army Corps of Engineers <input type="checkbox"/> By "no permits required" comment letter from USACoE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> By sealed & signed "no jurisdiction" blanket comment letter from applicant's engineer _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By sealed & signed "no permits required" blanket comment letter from applicant's engineer <u>12/20/18</u> <input type="checkbox"/> By sealed & signed "all permits in place" blanket comment letter from applicant's engineer _____
Endangered Species Act, Pub. L. 93-205, as amended	US Fish & Wildlife Service for signoff <input type="checkbox"/> Comments from USFWS OK _____ <input type="checkbox"/> By sealed & signed blanket letter from applicant's engineer for project scopes <u>that don't require comments</u> (see factsheet) _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By sealed & signed blanket letter from applicant's engineer after 30 days pass without USFWS comment <u>1/2/19</u>
Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, Pub. L. 85-624, as amended	
Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, Pub. L. 90-542, as amended	
Environmental Justice, Executive Order 12898 <i>Waterline replacement doesn't implicate.</i>	DWSRF Funding Unit and the local PWSS Regional Engineer Does the project require the assistance of the PWS Section Regional Supervisor to determine possible EJ impacts? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes: 1. Does the potentially affected community include an EJ community? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 2. Are there significant environmental impacts likely to fall disproportionately on minority and/or low-income members of the community and/or tribal resources? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Coastal Barrier Resources Act, Pub. L. 97-348	Division of Coastal Management (DCM) 1. Is this project located in any of the following counties: <i>Beaufort, Bertie, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington</i> ? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No 2. If the answer to question #1 is "Yes", then DCM must find if the project is in an Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) established by the Coastal Resources Commission. Is it in one of these AECs? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No DCM Response Date: _____ 3. If the answer to question #2 is "Yes", then the project requires a CAMA permit. Does the project have a CAMA permit? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No CAMA Permit Date: _____
Coastal Zone Management Act, Pub. L. 92-583, as amended	

Signed Request for CE posted on Web? (optional) _____