

Categorical Exclusion

North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicant: *Town of Franklin*
Date: *June 10, 2025*
Project Name: *Phase II Water Treatment Plant Improvements*
Project Number: *WIF 2028*
Estimated Project Cost: *\$9,066,780*
Estimated Funding Amount: *\$8,889,000*

Project Description:

The project consists of the rehabilitation of several WTP components including replacement of the existing generator, sedimentation basins flash mixer, flocculator VFD's with new paddles, sluice gates and inter-basin butterfly valves. The addition of new filters and filter building, and air scouring and backwash to existing filters. Replacement of filter backwash line, and elevation and replacement of raw water pumps. Electrical and SCADA upgrades to accommodate new and rehabbed equipment.

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. Kavitha Ambikadevi, P.E., Section Chief, 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 919.707.9048 or via e-mail at kavitha.ambikadevi@deq.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

Signed by:
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