

## Categorical Exclusion

### North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicant:	<i>Cumberland County</i>
Date:	<i>May 13, 2025</i>
Project Name:	<i>Gray's Creek Phase I Project</i>
Project Number:	<i>WIF-2041, SRP-D-ARP-0324, SRF-D-2050, &amp; SRF-D-EC-0001</i>
Estimated SRF loan Funding amount	<i>\$16,765,984</i>
Estimated SRF Principal Forgiveness (PF) Amount:	<i>\$3,637,000</i>
Estimated IIIA DWSRF EC PF amount:	<i>\$5,000,000</i>

**Project Description:** Proposed project includes installation of approximately 29,619 LF of 12-inch and 8-inch diameter waterlines with 25 fire hydrants, six (6) air release valves, and interconnection meter vault along with associated appurtenances, valves, valve boxes, and backflow prevention devices; installation of approximately 218 residential meters 1-inch service lines from service meter to homes for current residents with drinking water wells contaminated with PFAS. Project may also include Booster Pumps, Chlorine and Ammonia dosing systems, Backup Generator and Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) treatment if needed to meet permit conditions.

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, 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](mailto:kavitha.ambikadevi@deq.nc.gov).

Sincerely,

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