

## Categorical Exclusion

### North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicant: *AQUA North Carolina, Inc.*  
Date: *June 1, 2026*  
Project Name: *Brookwood Community Ion Exchange Filters*  
Project Number: *SRF-D-2081; SRF-D-EC-0032*  
Estimated Project Cost: *\$4,063,068.00 Total Cost (Include Closing Fee)*  
Estimated Funding Amount: *\$3,983,400.00*

Project Description: Installation of six (6) ion exchange (IX) filtration units for removal of PFOS/PFOA and similar emerging contaminants at existing Brookwood (NC0326127) wells #8, #37, #67, #60, #70, and #81. Installation of two (2) combined radium-226 and radium treatment systems at wells #80 and #81. Installation of two (2) iron and manganese treatment systems at wells #80 and #81. Installation of two (2) GAC filters to remove chlorine residual before PFAS treatment at wells #80 and #81. Modification to existing raw water lines at each of the existing well sites for redirection to new treatment. Installation of associated piping, valves, and appurtenances necessary for the new treatment. All work will be performed within existing right-of-way and property boundaries.

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. Stephanie Suter, Deputy Director, 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 919.707.9044 or via e-mail at [stephanie.suter@deq.nc.gov](mailto:stephanie.suter@deq.nc.gov).

Sincerely,

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