

## Categorical Exclusion

### North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicant: Town of Aurora  
Date: March 5, 2026  
Project Name: Force Main Replace & Lift Station Rehab  
Project Number: SRF-W-0043  
Estimated Project Cost: \$2,036,664  
Estimated Funding Amount: \$1,996,729

#### Project Description:

##### Force Main Replace & Lift Station Rehab

Rehabilitation of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street lift station to include replacement of two (2) 800 GPM suction lift pumps and coating wet well; installation of SCADA; refurbishment of the lift station building; and replacement of approximately 5,525 linear feet of 6-inch force main (segment 1 from 3<sup>rd</sup> Lift station to WWTF, and segment 2 from Helen Street Lift Station to tie-in point).

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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