

Categorical Exclusion

North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicant: *Cape Fear Public Utility Authority*
Date: *March 10, 2026*
Project Name: *Alandale Area Water Extension - PFAS*
Project Number: *ECSDC-DA-0002*
Estimated Project Cost: *\$2,548,075.00*
Estimated Funding Amount: *\$2,548,075.00*

Project Description:

Installation of approximately 3,430 LF of 8-inch water main and 645 LF of 2-inch water main to serve thirty-four (34) private residences to replace private wells impacted by PFAS contamination. At thirty-four (34) sites providing the following: public side of water service - tap, service line and meter box; system development charges, meter set fee, and new service charge; private side of water service – plumbing from meter to home.

The above-named applicant will receive funding assistance from the Emerging Contaminants in Small or Disadvantaged Communities Grant Program. 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.

Sincerely,

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