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Mr. Kenneth Waldroup, Executive Director  
Cape Fear Public Utility Authority  
235 Government Center Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28403

Subject: Modified Engineering Report Funding Approval  
Cape Fear Public Utility Authority  
Rockhill Area Water Extension - PFAS  
Project No.: ECSDC-DA-0003

Dear Mr. Waldroup:

The Division of Water Infrastructure (Division) has completed its review of the engineering report and environmental document for the subject project received on January 23, 2026. Based upon the review, the Division has determined that the above-referenced project is eligible for funding as follows:

Eligible:

Installation of approximately 2,242 LF of 2-inch water main to serve ten (10) private residences to replace private wells impacted by PFAS contamination. At ten (10) 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.

Non-Eligible:

Paving of roadways in excess of the excavated area; spare parts, service contracts, and maintenance contracts; and extended warranties.

Based upon a detailed review of the future bid documents, the Division may determine that portions of the project are not eligible for funding and the total funding amount may be reduced.



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Please note that funding is contingent on meeting the schedule provided in your *Letter of Intent to Fund*, or your approved Funding Deadline Extension approval letter (if applicable), as tabulated below:

<u>Milestone</u>	<u>Date</u>
Design-Build Package Submittal	April 24, 2026
Design-Build Package Approval	June 23, 2026
Execute Construction Contract(s)	November 2, 2026

Please submit Plans and Specifications via the new Online Supporting Documentation Submittal Form located at <https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/Forms/DW-Document-Upload-Form>. The link to the online submittal form and a list of frequently asked questions can also be accessed from the Division's "I Have Funding" page, <https://www.deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-infrastructure/i-have-funding>.

For NC DEQ DWI Design-Build Package Approval, all required permits must be submitted to DWI through the DWI LaserFiche Portal: <https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/Forms/DW-Document-Upload-Form> before final approval will be issued.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeannine Press either by telephone at 910.796.7441 or by e-mail at [jeannine.press@deq.nc.gov](mailto:jeannine.press@deq.nc.gov).

Sincerely,

*Renee Parkman*

Renee Parkman, P.E., Supervisor  
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Attachments: Categorical Exclusion

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## Categorical Exclusion

### North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicant: *Cape Fear Public Utility Authority*  
Date: *April 6, 2026*  
Project Name: *Rockhill Area Water Extension - PFAS*  
Project Number: *ECSDC-DA-0003*  
Estimated Project Cost: *\$685,134.00*  
Estimated Funding Amount: *\$671,700.00*

#### Project Description:

*Installation of approximately 2,242 LF of 2-inch water main to serve ten (10) private residences to replace private wells impacted by PFAS contamination. At ten (10) 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 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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