

Categorical Exclusion

North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicant: *Neuse Regional Water and Sewer Authority*
Date: *August 14, 2026*
Project Name: *PFAS Treatment*
Project Number: *SRF-D-EC-0002 & SRF-D-2051*
Estimated Project Cost: *\$32,860,000*
Estimated Funding Amount: *\$ 32,160,000*

Project Description: The project consists of constructing a new post-filter PFAS treatment facility at the Neuse Regional Water and Sewer Authority (NRWASA) Water Treatment Plant to reduce PFAS concentrations in treated drinking water and comply with the EPA PFAS drinking water standards. The project includes construction of a new treatment building with packed-bed media pressure contactors for PFAS removal, upgrades to the transfer pump station, associated yard piping, and related structural, architectural, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, and instrumentation improvements necessary for a complete and operational treatment system.

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.

Sincerely,

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