

Categorical Exclusion

North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicant: Whiteville, City of
Date: July 18, 2025
Project Name: Phase 1 Water Improvements
Project Number: SRF-D-2072
Estimated Project Cost: \$4,830,057 (*Includes Closing Fee**)
Estimated Funding Amount: \$4,735,350

Project Description: Project will install 13,080 LF of 6-inch and 8-inch water main, 520 LF of 6-inch and 8-inch water main in steel casing, 35 hydrants, 55 insert-a-valves, 76 gate valves (including 42 tapping sleeves), and 155 service connections. Construction will occur along Franklin St. and Lee St. All replacements are like-for-like with no increase in capacity. Permanent generators will be installed at Wells #7 and #8. Currently, those wells do not have standby power in the event of an emergency.

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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