

Categorical Exclusion

North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicants: *Town of North Wilkesboro and Town of Wilkesboro*
Date: *August 13, 2025*
Project Name: *Yadkin River Raw Water Intake*
Project Number: *SRP-D-ARP-0285; SRF-D-2073; VUR-D-0005*
Estimated Project Cost: *\$25,393,278*
Estimated Funding Amount: *\$24,970,243*

Project Description:

Construction of a new raw water intake building along with separate wet wells with common wall and interior/exterior piping for each Town. Installation of 3 vertical turbine pumps with VFD's for Wilkesboro and 2 vertical turbine pumps with VFD's for North Wilkesboro. Construction of three half-cylinder passive intake screens with air burst cleaning system and piping for each screen. Installation of approximately 15,000 LF of 20" DIP raw water line for Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro. Purchase and installation of emergency generators.

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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