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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION SUMMARY AND NOTIFICATION

Purpose

This memo documents for the project file the justification for granting a Categorical Exclusion.

Background

The City of Ward (project # 24-038) is proposing the rehabilitation of their wastewater collection system with some minor expansion along with removing customers from their existing vacuum sewer system. The proposed project will expand the sanitary sewer system in mostly previously developed areas of the City of Ward. The 2nd Street/Hwy. 367 portion of the project will involve the installation of 1,830 linear feet of 2" force main, removing seven existing customers and one apartment complex from the existing vacuum system. Other areas include Peyton Street/Hwy. 319 & Industrial Drive where 1,520 proposed feet of gravity sewer is proposed which will remove 4 existing customers from the vacuum system. Other various and similar components of the proposed project are located on Marshall Street, Wilson Loop, Markham, Sally Street, and Center Street. Grinder pumps will be placed throughout the areas listed to assist with the transformation of treatment processes.

This project qualifies as a CE in that is an action relating to existing infrastructure systems (such as sewer systems; drinking water supply systems; and stormwater systems, including combined sewer overflow systems) that involve minor upgrading, or minor expansion of system capacity or rehabilitation (including functional replacement) of the existing system and system components (such as the sewer collection network and treatment system; the system to collect, treat, store and distribute drinking water; and stormwater systems, including combined sewer overflow systems) or construction of new minor ancillary facilities adjacent to or on the same property as existing facilities. This category does not include actions that: involve new or relocated discharges to surface or ground water; will likely result in the substantial increase in the volume or the loading of pollutant to the receiving water; will provide capacity to serve a population 30% greater than the existing population; are not supported by the state, or other regional growth plan or strategy; or directly or indirectly involve or relate to upgrading or extending infrastructure systems primarily for the purposes of future development.

No extraordinary circumstances found in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §6.204 apply to this proposed action.

Key Points

1. Review completed by Keith Sanders
2. Approved by Keith Sanders

Recommendation

The proposed project has been determined to be categorically excluded from the full and substantive environmental review process as part of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission's State Revolving Fund program. The proposed project meets the requirements for a CE found in 40 CFR Part 6, Subpart B, §6.204 of the Environmental Protection Agency's National Environmental Policy Act Environmental Review Procedures.