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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 Little Rock Water Reclamation Authority (Project No. 25-066) is proposing improvements to an existing wastewater pump station, Port Pump Station, located at 7901 Sloane Drive in Little Rock, Arkansas. The Port Pump Station was constructed in 1970, has two pumps, and serves numerous commercial and industrial customers at the Little Rock Port. The electrical controls are outdated and unreliable and are nearing the end of their usefulness. The building and roof are also deteriorating and need repairing. Improvements at the pump station may include the replacement of vertical line shaft pumps with dry pit submersible pumps including valves and appurtenances, replacement of influent slide gate, waste stream monitoring improvements, electrical and controls improvements. Building modification improvements include ventilation and site improvements. All improvements are intended to improve the reliability, operation, and monitoring of the existing pump station.

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. Determination 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.

Keith Sanders

Signed by Grants Coordinator Keith Sanders