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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS

In accordance with the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's "Arkansas Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund State Environmental Review Process," an environmental review has been performed on the proposed Arkansas Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) project:

Poyen Regionalization with Malvern Sewer Force Main

Grant County, Arkansas

Project Number: 24-056

Total Project Expenses: \$3,684,120.00

Total CWSRF Funding: \$3,684,120.00

Loan CWSRF Funding: \$1,842,060.00

Funding for the eligible expenses of the above project was determined to be in accordance with the requirements of the Arkansas CWSRF Program, Project Priority List, and Natural Resources Division Title 15. The city is planning to use these funds through a state revolving fund loan administered by the Department.

An analysis of the financial capability of the project entity has been performed based upon the latest applicable financial information.

The City of Poyen is proposing to connect its wastewater system to Malvern Water Works, a step aimed at improving long-term reliability and compliance. Poyen's wastewater treatment has had ongoing operational challenges for years. The project will decommission the existing Poyen wastewater treatment facility and install approximately 10.1 miles of 4-inch force main along Highway 270. These improvements will address long-standing compliance and permit issues by significantly reducing risks to public health and water quality improvement in the Ouachita River Basin.

The proposed sewer force main will be constructed on property owned by the City of Poyen and Malvern.

The proposed project has been determined to be in compliance with Arkansas's State Water Plan on May 30, 2025.

Construction will begin in the summer of 2026 and be completed by the summer of 2028. The environmental review process, which is documented by the associated Environmental Assessment, indicates that no significant adverse environmental impacts would result from the proposed action. Consequently, a preliminary decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement has been made. This decision is based on a careful review of the Water Wastewater Advisory Committee application, the Environmental Information Document, and other supporting data which is on file at the above office and available for public review upon request. Therefore, the Department is issuing this Finding of No Significant Impact.

The comment period for this FNSI has concluded with either no comments or no unresolved comments and this decision is considered final by the Department.

Sincerely,



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Comments supporting or disagreeing with this decision to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact may be submitted for consideration to:

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