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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 Haskell, (Project No. 25-018), located in Saline County, is proposing a Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study (SSES) for its wastewater collection system. The SSES will determine the sources of inflow and infiltration (I/I) in the City's wastewater collection system and create a list of recommendations for a future wastewater collection system rehabilitation project by the City. The SSES includes project administration by the SSES consultant; approximately 570 manhole inspections; approximately 145,000 linear feet of smoke testing; public relations (door hangers and outreach to citizens); dyed water testing; cleaning and CCTV of approximately 17,500 linear of gravity sewer mains; CCTV review; data processing and management; defect analysis and reporting; and mapping, SSES, and wastewater collection system improvement recommendation analysis.

The project is only for the SSES. A sewer collection system rehab project will be developed sometime next year based on the findings of the SSES.

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 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 Protection Act Environmental Review Procedures.