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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 Mountain Pine, (Project No. TBA), located in Garland County, is proposing extensive repairs and replacement of affected areas throughout the entire sewer collection system. Collection system rehabilitation will reduce treatment demand at the sewer plant and help to alleviate permit violations. Some of the existing pipes are made of cement and asbestos cement and those sections will need to be replaced entirely. The rehabilitation plans of the sewer pipes will reduce high flow events to the plant by reducing inflow/infiltration eliminating many plant operational difficulties. Impacted areas of the asbestos cement include (1) the area bounded by the north by Blakely Dam Road, on the south by 11th St, on the west by Mountain View Road, and on the east by the Weyerhoeuser Complex; (2) the area bounded on the north by School Avenue, on the south by Blakely Dam Road to the Mountain Pine School District Complex.

The project will also address several operational deficiencies at the three-cell lagoon including the replacement of the distribution box, installation of mechanical bar screens, and dredging the existing treatment lagoons.

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.