

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: McLean-Sheridan Rural Water District; Water Tower and Water Main Replacement in Turtle Lake, (McLean County), North Dakota

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 2801400-03

The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) has conducted a review of the proposed 2018 water tower and water main improvements for the City of Turtle Lake in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR Part 6). The NDDoH has determined that this project is eligible for a Categorical Exclusion and is exempt from further substantive environmental review.

Because the proposed project meets the criteria for a Categorical Exclusion, a full Finding of No Significant Impact and Environmental Assessment will not be required. Following is a description of the proposed project and a brief statement of how the project meets the criteria for a categorical exclusion.

The proposed water system improvements include construction of a 400,000-gallon water tower along with a booster pump system and approximately 4,000 feet of water main replacement. Upon completion, the existing 50,000-gallon water tower will be taken out of service and removed.

This project is being granted a Categorical Exclusion because the improvements will all occur within areas considered previously disturbed. No previously undisturbed areas will be affected by the construction activities. It has been determined that exempting the proposed project from further review under the National Environmental Policy Act will not result in adverse impacts to the population or area of Turtle Lake and McLean County.

The documentation to support this decision will be on file and available for public review at the NDDoH, Division of Municipal Facilities.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Chuck Abel, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities; North Dakota Department of Health; 918 East Divide Avenue, 3rd Floor; Bismarck, ND, 58501-1947.

Dated the 18th of June, 2018

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