

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: 4th Avenue Water Main Replacement
Cando (Towner County), North Dakota

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 4800152-02

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed 4th Avenue Water Main Replacement for the City of Cando in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR Part 6). The NDDEQ 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.

This project involves the replacement of cast iron water mains, valves, drinking water services, and hydrants. The existing cast iron water mains are aging and in poor condition. Replacement of water main along fourth avenue will address existing deficiencies and improve the overall drinking water distribution system in this area.

The City of Cando has applied for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$3,275,000 to finance the project.

The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer concurs with the determination of "No Historic Properties Affected" provided the project takes place in the manner and location described in the documentation and all borrow comes from an approved source (ND SHPO Ref.: 25-0086). 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 Cando and Towner County.

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

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Aaron Wellman, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, 3rd Floor, Bismarck, ND, 58503-1324.

Dated the 14th day of April 2025.

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