

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Lead Service Line Replacement
Cando (Towner County), North Dakota

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 4800152-03

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed Lead Service Line 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.

The proposed project involves the replacement of drinking water service lines containing lead materials. Lead service lines have the potential of releasing lead into drinking water causing a potential health risk, particularly to children. Replacement of lead service lines has become a priority throughout the United States due to the potential health risks from lead exposure in drinking water. This project will replace identified lead service lines with lead-free materials from the water main into the residence structure. By completing this replacement, the risk of lead exposure will be significantly reduced.

The City of Cando plans to apply for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan to finance the project.

The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) concurs with the determination of "No Adverse Effect" provided replacement pipes for existing lines do not move existing building penetrations more than two feet. SHPO shall be consulted if any penetrations need to move more than two feet or if there are any new service lines. Three buildings are listed or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places: the Towner County Courthouse (32TO2), the Towner County Fairgrounds Pavilion (32TO74) and the Municipal Auditorium (32TO47). Please notify North Dakota SHPO for any project changes regarding these properties (ND SHPO Ref.: 25-0172). 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 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 1st day of July, 2025.

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