

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Water System Improvements 2025
City of Napoleon (Logan County), North Dakota

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 2400715-01

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed Water System Improvements 2025 for the City of Napoleon 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 consists of a water main extension along fourth street to allow residents within city limits to connect to the city's water distribution system. The current residents are getting their drinking water from ground water wells. The ground water wells have the potential of containing manganese and are prone to water quality and quantity issues. Connecting the residents to the city's distribution system ensure that they have access to dependable and quality drinking water.

The City of Napoleon has applied for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$730,000 to finance the project.

This project is being granted an exclusion because the improvements will occur entirely within previously disturbed areas within city limits. The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer (ND SHPO) has concluded that no historic properties will be affected by this project provided it takes place in the location and in the manner described in the documentation and provided all borrow comes from an approved source (ND SHPO Ref.: 25-0097). 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 Napoleon and Logan 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 Mitch Murray, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND, 58503-1324.

Dated the 15th day of April, 2025.

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