

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Sanitary Sewer Improvements
City of Page (Cass County), North Dakota

CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 380969-02

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed Sanitary Sewer Improvements for the City of Page 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 improvements to the city's wastewater collection system and wastewater treatment ponds. The aging wastewater collection piping is experiencing cracking, joint failures, and blockages which could lead to sewer backups into homes and potential health hazards for residents. The wastewater treatment ponds show signs of deterioration with erosion along the interior slopes of the lagoon cell dikes, which increases the risk of failure.

Improvements to the wastewater collection system include pipe relining, spot repairs, and manhole rehabilitation. Improvements to the wastewater treatment ponds consists of repair work to stabilize the interior dikes of the lagoon cells.

The City of Page has applied for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$1,545,000 to finance the project. The city has the legal authority and financial and administrative capability to construct the proposed improvements.

This project is being granted an exclusion because the improvements involve the rehabilitation of existing infrastructure and will occur entirely in previously disturbed areas. The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer concurs with the determination "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.: 25-0353). 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 Page and Cass County. The

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has reviewed this project (ID No. NOW-2010-00098-BIS) and determined that a Section 404 permit is not required.

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 Ryan Allery, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy St., Bismarck, ND, 58503-1324.

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