

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Sanitary Sewer Imp. Dist. 2024-1
Surrey (Ward County), North Dakota

CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 380989-01

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 5100923-01

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed Sanitary Sewer Improvement District 2024-1 project for the City of Surrey 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 Surrey's wastewater collection and drinking water distribution systems. The wastewater collection system has severe inflow and infiltration (I/I) due to broken or cracked pipes which causes increased strain on the city's lagoons. The portion of the water distribution system that is part of this project is deteriorated asbestos cement pipe that is undersized.

The proposed project will rehabilitate the sanitary sewer system throughout the city by relining the pipes and doing spot repairs to significantly reduce the I/I. Replacing the segment of watermain that crosses under the railroad will save time and costs in the future when the rest of the watermain is to be replaced.

The City of Surrey has applied for Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$1,935,000 and a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$242,000 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 will occur entirely in previously disturbed areas. The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer has concluded that no historic properties will be affected for the project provided it takes place in the manner and location described in the documentation and all borrow comes from an approved source (ND SHPO Ref.: 25-0006). 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 Surrey and Ward 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 Shawn Martin, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND, 58503-1324.

Dated the 7th day of May, 2025.

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