

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Public Works Facilities Additions and
Remodels
City of West Fargo (Cass County), North
Dakota

CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 380705-03

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 0900999-02

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed Public Works Facilities Additions and Remodels project for the City of West Fargo 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 West Fargo public works facilities. These buildings are used by city staff who conduct street, sewer, water, and sanitation operations. The demand for city public works has expanded and the existing facilities are undersized for staff and equipment. Completion of this project will provide the City of West Fargo with adequate space for the current and future needs of city operations.

The City of West Fargo plans to apply for a Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan 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 on previously disturbed land. The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer concurs with a determination of "No Historic Properties Affected" provided the project takes place as described in the documentation and provided all borrow comes from an approved source (ND SHPO Ref.:25-0231). 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 West Fargo and Cass 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 Bryan Schmitt, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND, 58503-1324.

Dated the 9th day of July, 2025.

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