

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

TO ALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS:

As required by guidelines for the preparation of environmental impact statements, an environmental review has been performed on the proposed action below:

Project: Cass Rural Water District (CWRD) - Amendment to North Dakota Soybean Processors (NDSP) Pipeline Improvements Project

Location: Cass County, North Dakota

CWSRF Project No.: 380923-02

Total Cost of Amendment: \$1,793,767.00

The proposed additions to the project include the construction of six separate parallel pipeline segments that will be installed throughout the CRWD system. The purpose of the additions to the project is to improve low pressure areas in the rural service area. Installation of the new pipeline segments will ensure adequate water supply and system pressures are conveyed to existing users in the CRWD.

The CRWD will finance all improvements described in the amendment with available capital. Ownership, operation, and maintenance of the infrastructure will be the responsibility of the CRWD.

The project area covers approximately 100 acres of agricultural land. For a further discussion of this, see Item V, Environmental Impacts of Proposed Project in the Environmental Assessment document. Wetlands, area flood plains, threatened or endangered species habitat, or archeological sites will not be adversely impacted. The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office has concluded that no historic properties will be affected by this project (ND SHPO Ref.: 23-5537) provided it takes place in the location and manner described in the documentation and provided all borrow comes from an approved source.

The review process did not indicate significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed action. Consequently, a preliminary decision not to prepare an environmental impact statement has been made. This action is taken on the basis of a careful review of the engineering report, environmental information document, and other supporting data that are on file in the Municipal Facilities Division of the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Ryan Allery, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND, 58503-1324.

After evaluating the comments received, the agency will make a final decision; however, no administrative action will be taken on the project for at least 30 calendar days after release of the Finding of No Significant Impact.

Dated the 30th day of May, 2023.

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