

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: Water System Improvements

Customer: City of Mooreton

Location: Mooreton (Richland County), North Dakota

SRF Project No.: 3900703-01

Total Cost: \$1,039,000

The proposed project is for the construction of a new booster station and improvements to the Mooreton drinking water system. The current booster station is showing signs of age and unreliability. Electrical, mechanical, and control equipment components are outdated and no longer meet industry standards needed to successfully operate the water system. The new booster station will improve operation, reliability, minimize distribution disruptions, and improve the overall useful life of the system. Failing gate valves and aged hydrants will also be replaced as part of this project.

The City of Mooreton has applied for a 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.

The project area is designated within the water system service boundaries of Mooreton. 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 concurs with the determination of "No Historic Properties Affected" for 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.: 26-0047). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has reviewed this project (ID No. NWO-2025-01688-BIS) and determined that a Section 404 permit is not required.

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 Danielle Peltier, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy St., 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 April 9, 2026.

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