

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Water, Sanitary, & Storm Sewer
Improvements
City of Lisbon (Ransom County), North
Dakota

CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 380836-07

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 3700574-10

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed Water, Sanitary, and Storm Sewer Improvements for the City of Lisbon 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 water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer systems throughout the City of Lisbon. The existing infrastructure is difficult to maintain and is nearing the end of its useful life.

This project will provide utility infrastructure improvements to the most critical areas of the city. The improvements will replace failing utility infrastructure, reduce sanitary sewer system infiltration, relieve loading on the lagoon system, and improve the reliability of utility services for city residents.

The City of Lisbon has applied for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$9,880,000 and a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$1,296,000 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 the city owned right-of-way and easements. No previously undisturbed areas will be affected by the construction activities. The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer concurs with a determination of "No Adverse Effect" for the project provided it takes place in the location and manner described in the documentation and all borrow

comes from an approved source (ND SHPO Ref.: 25-0031). 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 Lisbon and Ransom County. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has determined that the proposed project may need a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit if there is a discharge of dredge or fill material in waters of the United States (ID No. NWO-2013-00141-BIS).

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.

Dated the 21st day of October, 2025

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