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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Waterworks & Sewer Board of the Town of Collinsville
DeKalb and Cherokee County

SRF Project No. FS010251-01

December 26, 2019

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has made \$783,000 in financial assistance available to the Waterworks & Sewer Board of the Town of Collinsville using funds from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan Pprogram. In accordance with State and Federal regulations that govern the program, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management has conducted a review to assess the potential impacts upon the environment that may result from implementation of this project.

The Waterworks & Sewer Board of the Town of Collinsville proposes a project to improve the drinking water distribution reliability within its water system. The proposed project will consist of the system-wide rehabilitation of multiple, drinking water storage tanks, including upgrades to their remote monitoring equipment as needed. Additionally, a new auxiliary generator will be installed at The Board's main office building to maintain electrical service during power outages. Completion of these improvements will increase the water system's operational reliability by extending the useful life of its existing storage facilities while also providing uninterrupted remote monitoring and emergency notification capabilities.

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion (CE) from further environmental study under the guidelines specified by the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) which specifically include actions which are solely directed toward minor rehabilitation of existing facilities, functional replacement of equipment, or towards the construction of new ancillary facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities. However, this decision may be reconsidered if significant adverse information concerning the potential environmental impacts of the project is discovered.

Comments relative to this project should be submitted in writing to Ms. Corynella L. Price, SRF Section, Permits & Services Division, Alabama Department of Environmental Management, P.O. Box 301463, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1463, no later than 30 days after the date of public notice. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management will not take formal action to proceed with the project without carefully evaluating any public comments opposing the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lance R. LeFleur".

Lance R. LeFleur
Director

LRL/DKB/CLP/kbh

Attachment



The Categorical Exclusion is promulgated in the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) in Part IV, Section C: Categorical Exclusions for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Projects: (Italicized sections apply.)

1. The following drinking water projects are eligible for categorical exclusions:
 - a. *Actions intended solely for minor rehabilitation, functional replacement, or ancillary facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities.*
 - b. Minor construction, including:
 - (1) New wells or replacement wells for water supply purposes if ancillary to the existing system;
 - (2) Improvements not intended to increase capacity of the system;
 - (3) Facilities for the disinfection of public water supplies;
 - (4) Facilities such as looping that will result solely in the provision of adequate public water system pressure;
 - (5) Construction of water tanks;
 - (6) Construction of new water lines in previously disturbed areas within one mile of the existing distribution system.
 - c. Projects where funding is being provided for planning and/or engineering costs only (in which case the requirements of IV.C.1.a-d do not apply).
2. In order to determine if a drinking water project is eligible for a CE, all of the following must not apply:
 - a. The action is known or expected to directly or indirectly adversely impact any of the following:
 - (1) Cultural or historical resources;
 - (2) Endangered or Threatened Species and/or their critical habitats;
 - (3) Environmentally important natural resource areas such as floodplains, wetlands, prime agricultural land, or aquifer recharge zones.
 - b. The action is not cost effective.
 - c. The action will cause significant public controversy.
 - d. The action will create a new or expanded surface drinking water source.

This project complies with the above requirements and has been determined to be eligible for a Categorical Exclusion.



ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Lisa D. Jones
Executive Director
State Historic Preservation Officer

December 14, 2018

James Payton
LADD Environmental
P.O. Box 680869
Fort Payne, AL 35968-1609

Re: AHC 19-0296
Rehabilitation of Water Storage Tanks-Collinsville, Alabama
DeKalb County

Dear Mr. Payton:

Upon review of the above-referenced project forwarded by your office, we have determined that project activities will have no effect on any cultural resources listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, we concur with the proposed project activities.

However, should artifacts or archaeological features be encountered during project activities, work shall cease and our office shall be consulted immediately. Artifacts are objects made, used or modified by humans. They include but are not excluded to arrowheads, broken pieces of pottery or glass, stone implements, metal fasteners or tools, etc. Archaeological features are stains in the soil that indicate disturbance by human activity. Some examples are post holes, building foundations, trash pits and even human burials. **This stipulation shall be placed on the construction plans to insure contractors are aware of it.**

We appreciate your commitment to helping us preserve Alabama's historic archaeological and architectural resources. Should you have any questions, please contact Amanda McBride at 334.230.2692 or Amanda.McBride@ahc.alabama.gov. Have the AHC tracking number referenced above available and include it with any future correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lee Anne Wofford".

Lee Anne Wofford
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

LAW/EDS/amh



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, MOBILE DISTRICT
218 SUMMIT PARKWAY, SUITE 222
HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA 35209

January 3, 2019



North Branch
Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: No Permit Required - File Number SAM-2018-01299-CMS, Waterworks and Sewer Board of the Town of Collinsville

Collinsville Waterworks and Sewer Board
c/o Ladd Environmental
Attention: Mr. James Payton
Post Office Box 680869
Fort Payne, Alabama 35968-1609

Transmitted electronically to ladd@laddenv.com

Dear Mr. Payton:

This letter is in response to your December 4, 2018 letter regarding the proposed Collinsville Waterworks and Sewer Board facility improvements. This project has been assigned file number SAM-2018-01299-CMS, which should be referred to in all future correspondence regarding this project.

As stated in your letter, the project will involve rehabilitating three existing water storage tanks, upgrading a wall map and telemetry system, and installing an auxiliary generator. As such, a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will not be required at this time. However, you may need to coordinate with us in the future if construction activities will impact jurisdictional waters of the U.S.

The statements contained herein do not convey any property rights or any exclusive privileges, and do not authorize any injury to property or obviate the requirements to obtain other local, State, or Federal assent required by law for the activities discussed above. If the scope of work or project location changes, you are urged to contact this office.

Thank you for your cooperation with our permit program. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me at (205)-290-9096 or courtney.m.shea@usace.army.mil.

For additional information about our Regulatory Program, visit our web site at <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>. Also, please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey located near the bottom of the webpage. Your responses are appreciated and will allow us to improve our services.

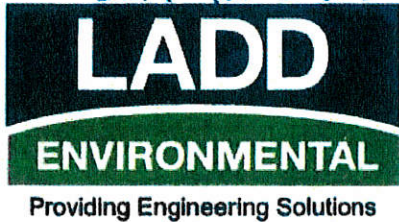
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Courtney Shea
Senior Project Manager

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December 4, 2018

U.S. Department of Interior
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1208-B Main Street
Daphne, AL 36526-4419

RE: Rehabilitation of Water Storage Tanks
for the Waterworks and Sewer Board of Collinsville, Alabama
State Revolving Fund (SRF) Application

Dear Sir:

The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the Town of Collinsville proposes to rehabilitate three existing water storage tanks, upgrade its wall map, telemetry system and install an auxiliary generator at its main office. All proposed work will occur within the previously disturbed fenced area at each tank site, inside existing telemetry enclosures or at the existing office building.

Enclosed you will find a Location Map, USGS Maps, FEMA (FIRM) Flood Maps, and NRCS Soils Maps.

Please provide your comments regarding any endangered or threatened species, critical habitat, or other concerns that your agency may have. The project funding is proposed to be through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund administered by ADEM.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

LADD ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, INC.

James Payton

James Payton, PE

Enclosures: As stated

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1208-B - Daphne, Alabama 36526
Phone: 251-441-5181 Fax: 251-441-6222

No endangered or threatened species or critical habitat are known to occur in the project area. As described, the project will have no significant impact on fish and wildlife resources. IF PROJECT DESIGN CHANGES ARE MADE, PLEASE SUBMIT NEW PLANS FOR REVIEW.

William J. Pearson
William J. Pearson, Field Supervisor

FEB 01 2019

Date

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Munsey Box, III, Chairman
the Waterworks & Sewer Board
of the Town of Collinsville
P.O. Box 377
Collinsville, AL 35961

December 5, 2018

CLEARINGHOUSE MEMO

RE: DeKalb County: *The Waterworks & Sewer Board of the Town of Collinsville: State Revolving Fund (SRF) Application. The WSB proposes to rehabilitate three existing water storage tanks, upgrade its wall map, telemetry system and install an auxiliary generator at its main office.*

The Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments Board of Directors held its November-December Meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 2018; and, in accordance with Executive Order 12372 and State Executive Order Eight, the above-referenced Action was reviewed by the Clearinghouse.

The above referenced project will undergo ADEM review, as a part of the above referenced application process. The proposed project is based on a professionally prepared, well executed system assessment and planning process. The upgrades activity will occur at an existing facility site, previously subject to environmental review. Additionally, any and all applicable ADEM permitting and Best Management Practices (BMP) will be implemented and monitored throughout the project to prevent adverse and unnecessary impacts to the environment.

This review assumes the above facts, and, that the proposed project upgrades are needed due to increased demands and natural facilities deterioration. All proposed work will occur within the previously disturbed fenced area at each tank site, inside existing telemetry enclosures or at the existing office building. The project addresses long-term system reliability, service expansion potential, and other desired benefits; and, it serves a priority regional need category – upgrading, expanding, and/or optimizing the cost/efficiency of area water system utilities; and, we therefore find that this project to be in conformance with, and support of, critical utility service needs recognized in utility planning efforts within the TARCOG region, and we concur with, and endorse this system upgrade project. If we can be of further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

D. C. Schafer

Area-wide Clearinghouse

Cc. Ladd Environmental

SYSTEM SERVICE AREA MAP

