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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Red Bay Water Works and Gas Board
Franklin County

SRF Project No. FS010199-02

November 27, 2019

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has made \$415,000 in financial assistance available to the Red Bay Water Works and Gas Board using funds from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan program. 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.

Red Bay Water Works and Gas Board proposes improvements to increase the efficiency of its drinking water distribution system. The proposed project consists of the rehabilitation of a 30,000 gallon clear well and the construction of a new 210,000 gallon clear well within the existing water plant property. Completion of the proposed improvements will provide the plant with additional ground storage that is imperative to repairing the leakage problems in the plant's existing wet well.

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 Juliette Cox 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 this CE. 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,

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Lance R. LeFleur
Director

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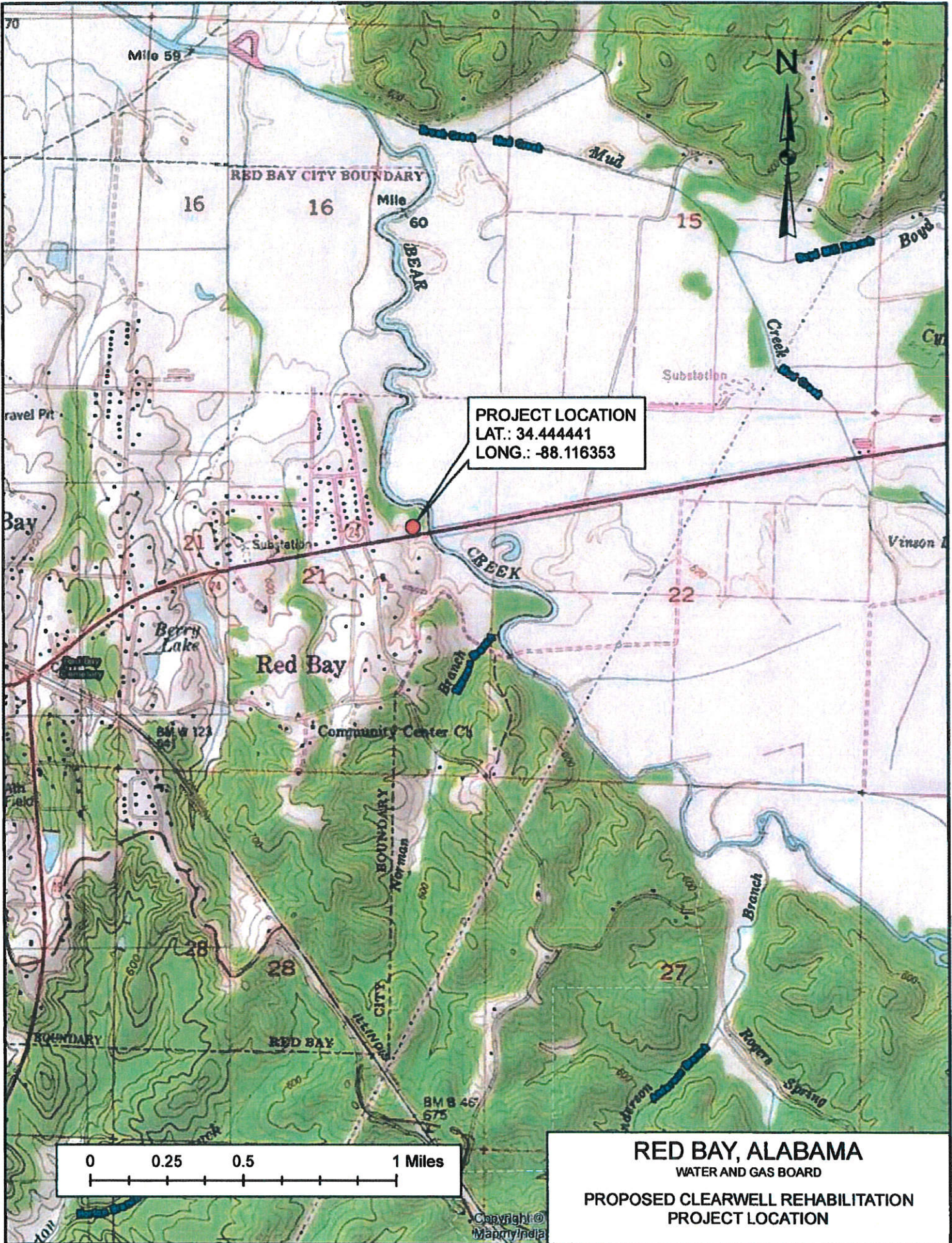
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The Categorical Exclusion is promulgated in the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) in Part IV, Section C: Categorical Exclusions for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Projects: (Italicized sections apply.)

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:
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 - 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.





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December 12, 2018

SUBJECT: File No. LRN-2018-00944; Utility Engineering Consultants, LLC, Red Bay Water and Gas Board, Water Treatment Plant Clearwell Rehabilitation & New Clearwell Project, Tennessee River Mile 225.0, Pickwick Lake, Bear Creek Mile 61.2 LB, Red Bay, Franklin County, AL

Utility Engineering Consultants, LLC
Attn: Mr. Roderick A. Hawkins, P.E.
2000 Crestwood Blvd, Suite 100
PO Box 100995
Irondale, AL 35210

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

This is in response to your 4 Dec 2018 request for our comments regarding the subject project.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has regulatory responsibilities pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Under Section 10, the USACE regulates all work in, or affecting, navigable waters of the U.S. Under Section 404, the USACE regulates the discharge of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the U.S. (33 CFR Part 328).

A review of the information provided indicates the subject activity would not involve work in wetlands/waters of the U.S.; therefore, a Department of the Army permit would not be required.

We understand the project proposal may not have specific design plans at this time, and this inquiry is an initial review to obtain grant funds. We have no objections to the applicant receiving grant funds for the proposal.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Eric Sinclair at the above address or telephone (256) 350-5620. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this proposed project.

Sincerely,

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Timothy C. Wilder
Chief, West Branch
Regulatory Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



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December 14, 2018

Roderick A. Hawkins
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Re: AHC 19-0300
Water Treatment Plant Clearwell Rehabilitation and New Clearwell Project-Red Bay Water and Gas Board
Franklin County

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

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,

Lee Anne Wofford
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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To: Roderick Hawkins From: Bill Pearson
Fax: 205-951-3839 Pages: 1
Phone: DEC 13 2018

Re: Red Bay Water and Gas Board
Water Treatment Plant Clearwell Rehabilitation and new Clearwell Project
Red Bay Water and Gas Board
Franklin County

Dear Mr. Pearson:

The Red Bay Water and Gas Board is seeking SRF (State Revolving Loan Funds) funding for a Water Treatment Plant Clearwell Rehabilitation and New Clearwell Project. The existing Wet Well is leaking and must be repaired. A New Clearwell is being proposed to provide additional ground storage and improve the plants treatment by enhancing the Chlorince Contact (CT) time.

We have attached a map that shows the latitude and longitude of the project location. This work will be performed on property owned and maintained by the Red Bay Water and Gas Board and is situated on previously disturbed soil.

Also attached you will find a drawing that shows the location of the Existing Clearwell and the Proposed New Clearwell. Best management practices will be adhered during construction.

We request your review and comments regarding concurrence for this proposed project.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 205-951-3838.

Sincerely,

UTILITY ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, LLC

Roderick A. Hawkins, P.E.

RAH/dsj

Cc: Mr. Kenny Nunley, Superintendent
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No federally listed species/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. We recommend use of best management practices specific to your project (See <http://www.fws.gov/daphne/section7/bmp.htm>)

William J. Pearson, Field Supervisor

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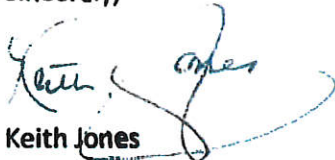
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Re: Project: Red Bay Water and Gas Board
SRF funds for Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation and addition of a
New Clearwell

Mr. Hawkins:

We are in receipt of your letter regarding the proposed project to utilize SRF funds to repair the Red Bay Water and Gas Board's existing wet well due to frequent leaks. The letter also states a New Clearwell will be installed to provide additional ground storage and improve the plant's ability for treatment. This request is consistent and compatible with regional and local development plans and programs due to the benefits to both the Board and customers via increased storage and enhanced water treatment. This letter shall serve as regional concurrence with the proposed project.

Sincerely,



Keith Jones
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