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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

City of Selma Water Works & Sewer Board
Dallas County

SRF Project No. FS010256-01

August 26, 2020

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has made \$1,477,500 in financial assistance available to the City of Selma Water Works & Sewer 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.

The Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Selma, Alabama, proposes various improvements to its water production, treatment, and storage facilities. Improvements will consist of the installation of a new water production well to replace an existing well; construction of a new concrete block building to house existing potassium permanganate equipment at Chandler WTP; replacement of filter building piping; repair and sealing of concrete troughs; and the rehabilitation, repair, and repainting of Chandler WTP and Johnson City elevated water storage tanks. These proposed improvements will benefit all service area customers with the provision of continued quality drinking water.

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. Juliette Cox, SRF Section, Permits & Services Division, Alabama Department of Environmental Management, P.O. Box 301463, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-7871, 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,

Lance R. LeFleur
Director

LRL/EJR/JMC/kbh

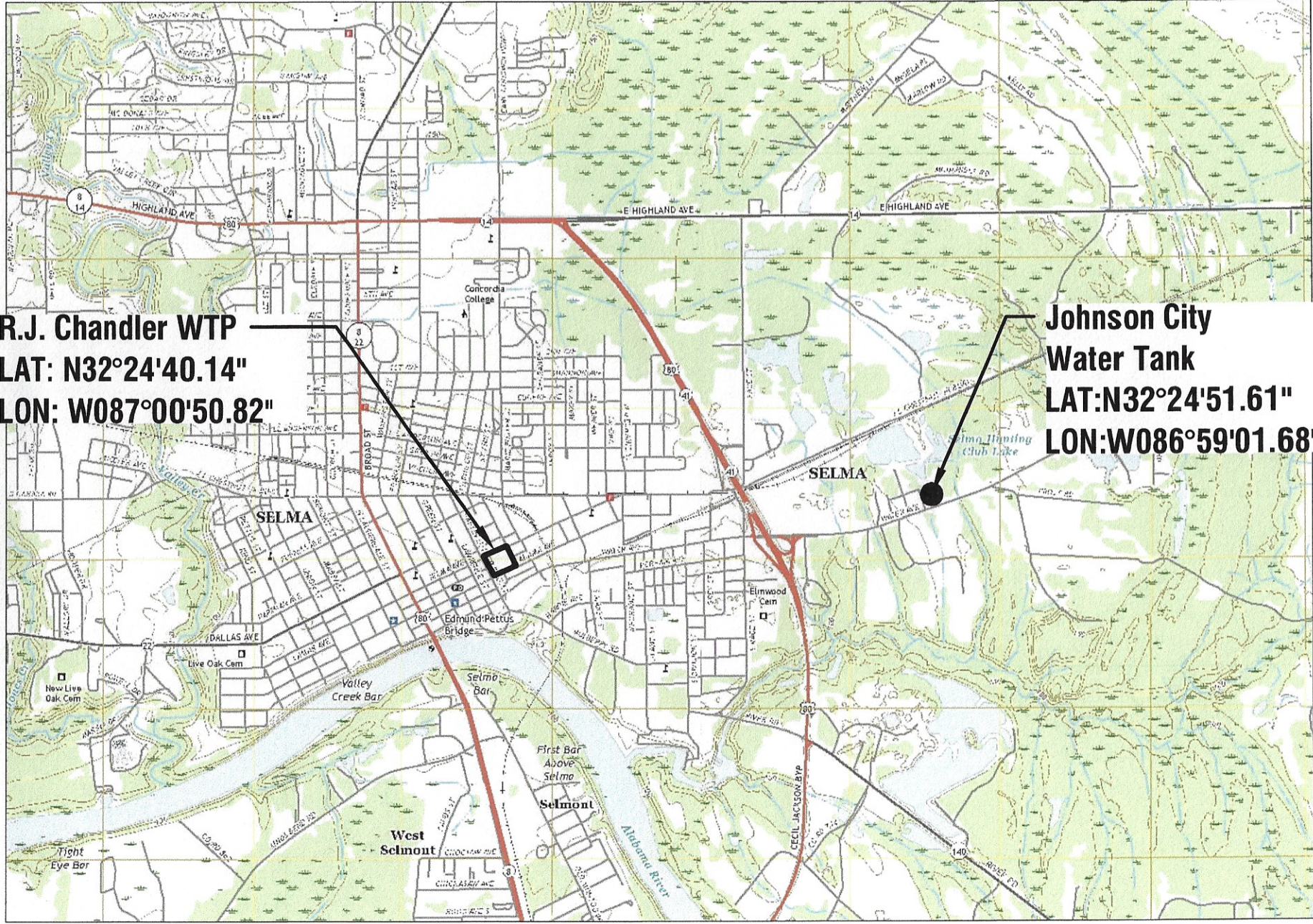


City of Selma Water Works & Sewer Board
SRF# FS010256-01

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;
 - (2) Facilities for the disinfection of public water supplies;
 - (3) Facilities such as looping that will result solely in the provision of adequate public water system pressure;
 - (4) Construction of water tanks;
 - (5) 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:
3.
 - 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.



R.J. Chandler WTP
LAT: N32°24'40.14"
LON: W087°00'50.82"

**Johnson City
Water Tank**
LAT: N32°24'51.61"
LON: W086°59'01.68"

Selma Waterworks
FY19 DWSRF Project
July, 2020
Project No. FS10256-01



ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Lisa D. Jones
Executive Director
State Historic Preservation Officer

July 10, 2020

D. Ray Hogg, Jr.
1 Satterfield Street
Selma, AL 36701

Re: AHC 20-1073
Water Production, Treatment and Storage Improvements
Dallas County

Dear Mr. Hogg:

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

Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office does not constitute consultation with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, other Native American tribes, local governments, or the public. If archaeological materials are encountered during construction, the procedures codified at 36 CFR 800.13(b) will apply. Archaeological materials consist of any items, fifty years old or older, which were made or used by man. These items include but are not limited to, stone projectile points (arrowheads), ceramic sherds, bricks, worked wood, bone and stone, metal, and glass objects. The federal agency or the applicant receiving federal assistance should contact our office immediately. If human remains are encountered, the provisions of the Alabama Burial Act (*Code of Alabama 1975, §13A-7-23.1, as amended; Alabama Historical Commission Administrative Code Chapter 460-X-10 Burials*) should be followed. 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 Eric Sipes at 334.230.2667 or Eric.Sipes@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/law



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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

August 4, 2020

North Branch
Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Department of the Army Jurisdictional Determination, File Number SAM-2020-00764-LET, Water Works and Sewer Board of Selma – Water System Improvements

Water Works and Sewer Board of Selma
c/o Hogg Stone and Associates Engineers, Inc.
Attention: Mr. Ray Hogg
1 Satterfield Street
Selma, Alabama 36701

Transmitted electronically to hoggeng@bellsouth.net

Dear Mr. Hogg:

This is in response to your letter, on behalf of the Water Works and Sewer Board of Selma, dated July 8, 2020, requesting evaluation and comments regarding new water system infrastructure construction within the existing R.J. Chandler Water Treatment Plant (WTP) (Latitude N32.41115, Longitude W87.014117) and the repainting of multiple existing water storage tanks in the Selma water system. The work will occur in Selma, Dallas County, Alabama. This project has been assigned file number **SAM-2020-00764-LET**, which should be referred to in all future correspondence regarding the project.

Based on our review of the information you provided and other publicly available mapping resources, we have determined the installation of a new production well and construction of a potassium permanganate building within the limits of the existing Chandler WTP would occur on non-jurisdictional dry land or upland areas that do not contain Federally-regulated wetlands or other “waters of the United States (U.S.)”

The proposed work at the specific locations identified above was reviewed pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, which requires that a DA permit be obtained for the placement or discharge of dredged and/or fill material into “waters of the United States”, including wetlands, prior to conducting the work (33 U.S.C. 1344). For regulatory purposes, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) defines wetlands as those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions.

This letter contains an approved jurisdictional determination (JD) for the work at the existing R.J. Chandler WTP facility as specified above. If you object to this determination, you may request an administrative appeal under USACE Regulations at 33 CFR Part 331. Attached you will find a Notification of Appeal Process (NAP) fact sheet and Request for Appeal (RFA) form. If you request to appeal this determination you must submit a completed RFA form to the USACE, South Atlantic Division Office at the following address:

Mr. Philip A. Shannin
Administrative Appeal Review Officer
CESAD-PDS-O
60 Forsyth Street Southwest, Floor M9
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8803
Phone: (404)562-5136; Fax (404) 562-5138
Email: philip.a.shannin2@usace.army.mil

In order for an RFA to be accepted by the USACE, the USACE must determine that it is complete, that it meets the criteria for appeal under 33 CFR Part 331.5, and that it has been received by the Division Office within 60 days of the date of the NAP. Should you decide to submit an RFA form, it must be received at the above address by **October 2, 2020**. It is not necessary to submit an RFA form to the Division Office if you do not object to the determination in this letter.

This approved JD is based on current policy and regulation and is valid for a period of five years from the date of this letter. If by the end of the five-year period the proposed work has not been implemented and this JD has not been specifically revalidated by the USACE, it shall automatically expire.

The statements contained herein do not convey any property rights or any exclusive privileges, and do not authorize any injury to property nor shall it be construed as excusing you from compliance with other Federal, State, or local statutes, ordinances, or regulations that may affect proposed work at this site. Furthermore, the delineation included herein has been conducted to identify the location and extent of the aquatic resource boundaries and/or the jurisdictional status of aquatic resources for purposes of the Clean Water Act for the particular site identified in this request. This delineation and/or jurisdictional determination may not be valid for the Wetland Conservation Provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended. If you or your tenant are U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program participants, or anticipate participation in USDA programs, you should discuss the applicability of a certified wetland determination with the local USDA service center, prior to starting work.

If you intend to sell property that is part of a project that requires DA authorization, it may be subject to the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act. The Property Report, required by Housing and Urban Development Regulation, must state whether or not a permit for the development has been applied for, issued or denied by the USACE, (Part 320.3(h) of Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations).

With regard to the proposed water storage tank repainting activities for the existing tank within the R.J. Chandler WTP and the Johnson City water tank, these activities will not involve a discharge of dredged and/or fill material into jurisdictional waters of the United States (U.S.), including wetlands. As such, a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will not be required to conduct the repainting activities.

Based on our findings regarding the proposed work and construction activities at the locations specified herein, a DA permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act **will not be required** to implement the work proposed at these locations.

We appreciate your cooperation with the USACE Regulatory Program. If the locations or scopes of work change for the proposed water tank repainting activities and construction within the water treatment plant, you are urged to contact this office for a verification of this determination.

You may contact me at (205) 213-9623 or at leslie.e.turney@usace.army.mil, if you have questions concerning this matter. For additional information about our Regulatory Program, visit our website at www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx. Also, while you are there please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey located on the right side of the webpage. Your responses are appreciated and will help us improve our services.

Sincerely,

Leslie E. Turney, Chief
North Branch
Regulatory Division

Attachments



HOGG STONE & ASSOCIATES ENGINEERS, INC.

July 8, 2020

TA/WJP #2
2020-TA-1216

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BY: *Ch*

1 Satterfield St
Selma, AL 36701

O: 334.875.1960
F: 334.875.1961

Mr. William Pearson
U.S. Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
1208-E Main Street
Daphne, Alabama 36526

**RE: Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Selma
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project No. FS 010256-01**

Dear Mr. Pearson:

The Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Selma is proposing to submit a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Application to the State of Alabama Department of Environmental Management. Funds will be used to implement various improvements to the system's drinking water system at various locations throughout the City. Work proposed under this project is as follows:

1. Re-painting of the Johnson City Water Tank
2. New water production well, re-paint tank, and new potassium permanganate building at the R.J. Chandler Water Treatment Plant

The work included in this project will involve the cleaning, blasting, and re-painting of the existing Johnson City Water Tank located on Water Avenue. The other part of this project will include drilling new water production well, re-painting of the WTP tank, and a new potassium permanganate building within the confines of the RJ Chandler WTP located on Selma Avenue. Attached is a USGS Quad Map showing locations of proposed improvements as well as photos of the Johnson City Tank and the location of the R. J. Chandler Water Treatment Plant.

As part of the Environmental Information Document (EID), we are hereby requesting concurrence on this project from your agency.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call at (334) 875-1960 or email me at hoggeng@bellsouth.net.

Sincerely,

HSA ENGINEERS, INC.

D. Ray Hogg, Jr.
D. Ray Hogg, Jr., P.E.

CC: Hon. Darrio Melton
Board Members
Ms. Maxine Tarver



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1208-B Main Street – 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, Field Supervisor

Date

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TO: Mr. Ray Hogg

DATE: August 12, 2020

FROM: Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission
107 Broad Street
Camden, Alabama 36726
334-682-4234
Fax: 334-682-4205

PROJECT/PROGRAM: ADEM-SRF- Drinking Water Project

Project number FS 010256-01
Total Project - \$1,477,500.00

Project consists of a new water production well (Well No. 5), repainting of the RJ Chandler WTP tank and the Johnson City Tank. There will be a new Potassium Permanganate Building at the RJ Chandler WTP.

APPLICANT:

The Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Selma

This office has reviewed the above project/program. Our comments are indicated below. If you have questions, please contact the A-95 Review Officer at the Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission office listed above.

No Interest _____

Concur X

Need More Data (see below) _____

Cannot Concur _____

Consistent with Regional Plans X

Consistent with Local Plans _____

Additional Comments: _____

ATRC

Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission

Signed: Frank B. Johnson
A-95 Review Officer