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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The City of Red Bay Water Works and Gas Board
Franklin County

SRF Project No. FS010199-04

January 14, 2026

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has made **\$2,400,000** in financial assistance available to **The City of Red Bay Water Works and Gas Board** using funds from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF/IIJA) loan program and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). 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 City of Red Bay Water Works and Gas Board propose a project to upgrade the distribution system and water treatment plant. The project includes installation of a new transmission main, installation of water mains, construction of a new water storage tank, installation of valves and pressure management stations, SCADA and upgrades at the Water Plant. Completion of this project will reduce water loss and pressure issues throughout the distribution system.

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 Mrs. Chavon R. Jones, SRF Branch, 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.

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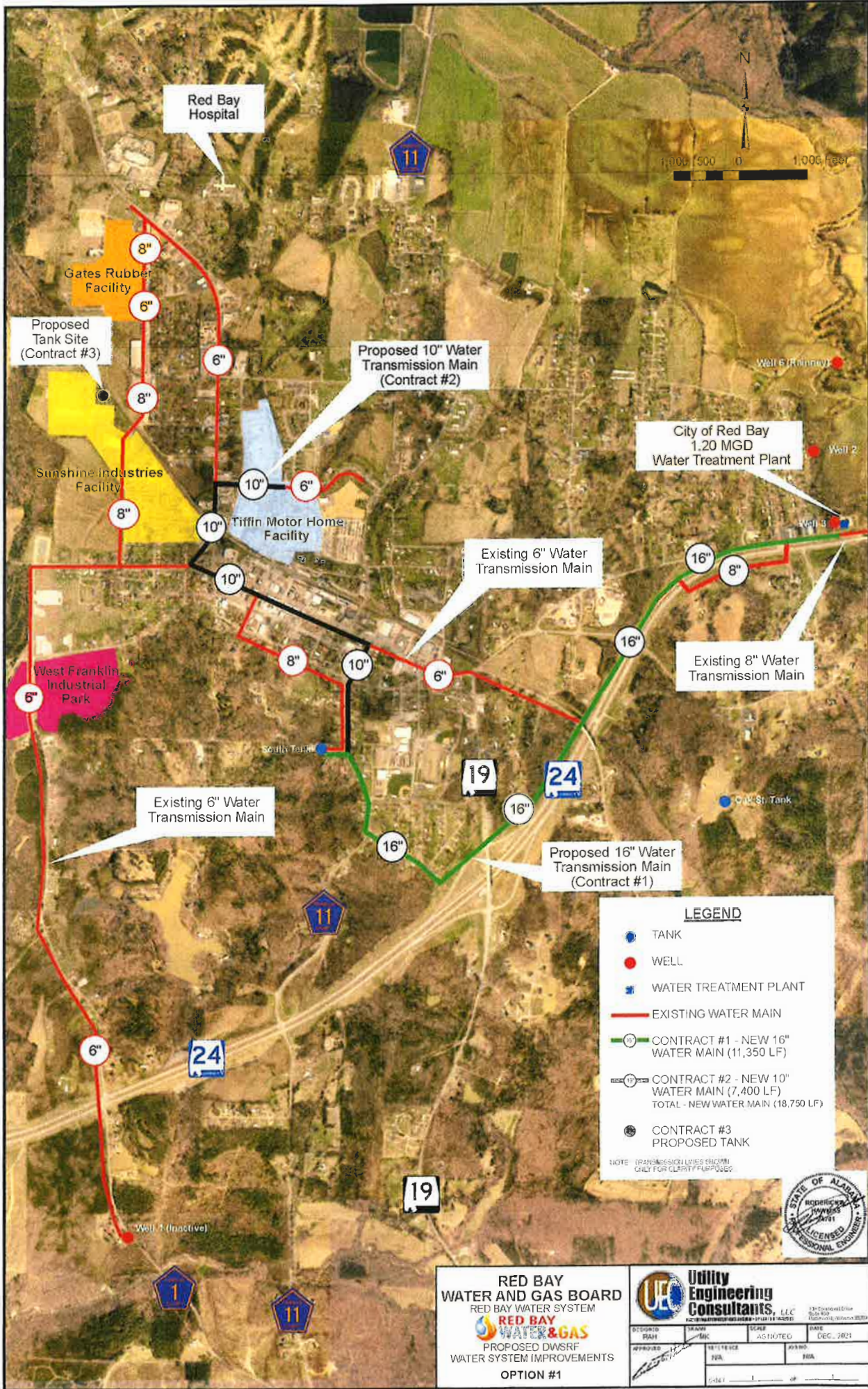
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The Categorical Exclusion is promulgated in the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) in Part IV, Section C: Categorical Exclusions for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Projects: (Italicized sections apply.)

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:
 - 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.



Red Bay Hospital

Gates Rubber Facility

Proposed Tank Site (Contract #3)

Sunshine Industries Facility

West Franklin Industrial Park

Proposed 10" Water Transmission Main (Contract #2)

Tiffin Motor Home Facility

Existing 6" Water Transmission Main

City of Red Bay 1.20 MGD Water Treatment Plant

Well 5 (Inactive)

Well 2

Existing 8" Water Transmission Main

Existing 6" Water Transmission Main

Proposed 16" Water Transmission Main (Contract #1)

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		Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X
		Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee See Notes Zone X
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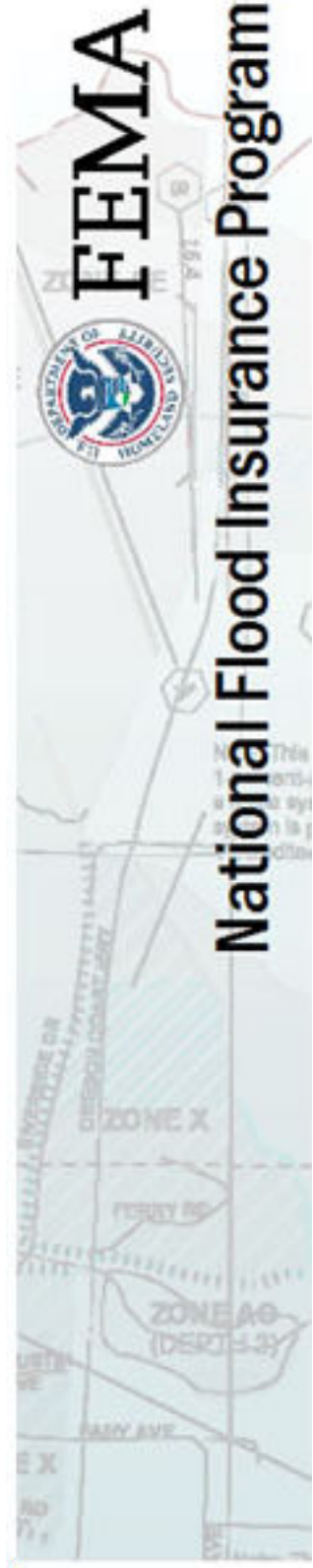
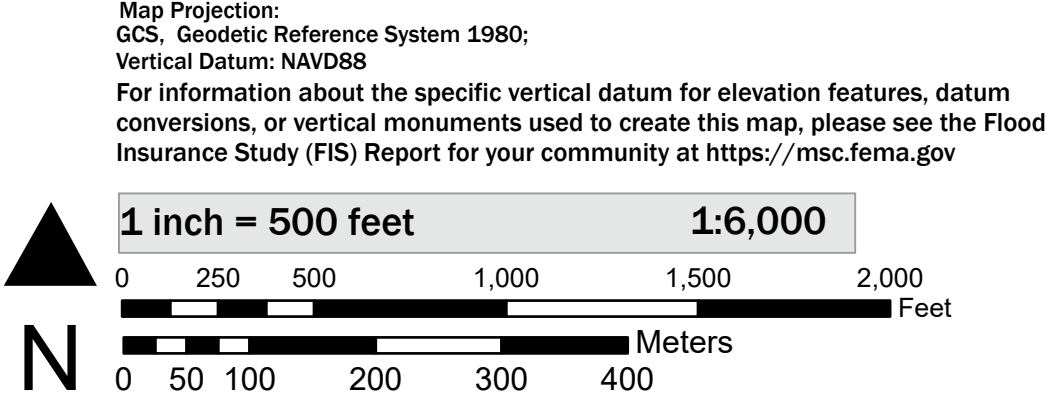
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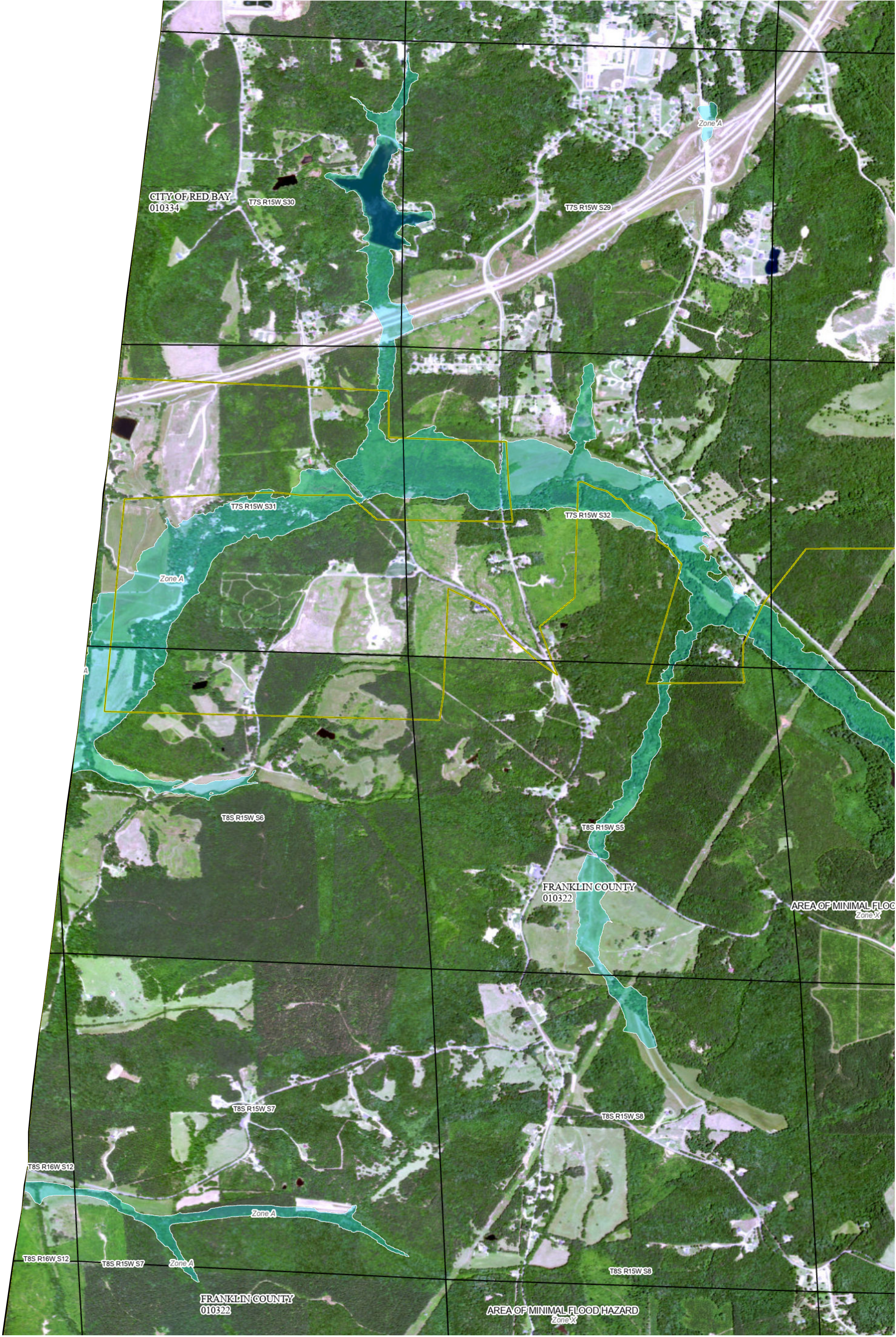
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FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

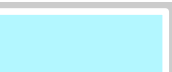
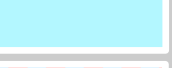





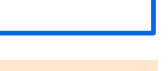


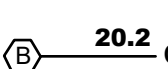
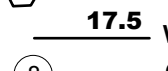
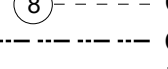
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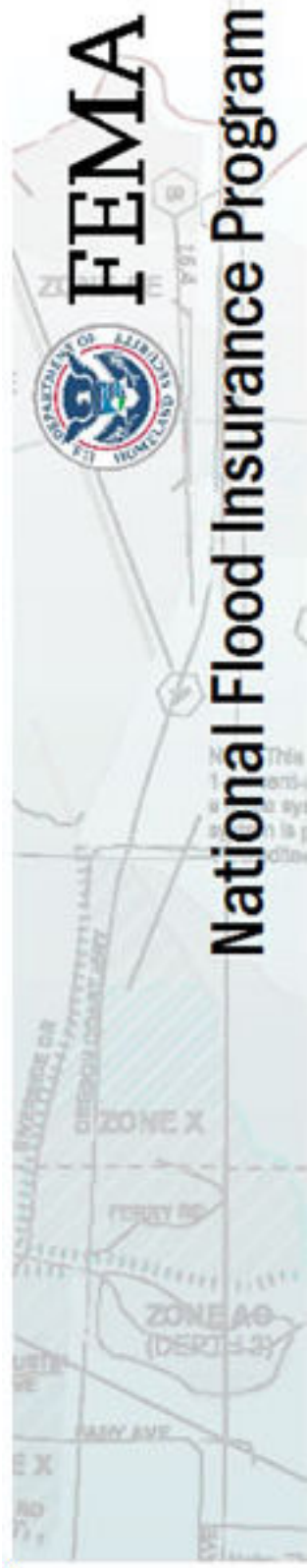
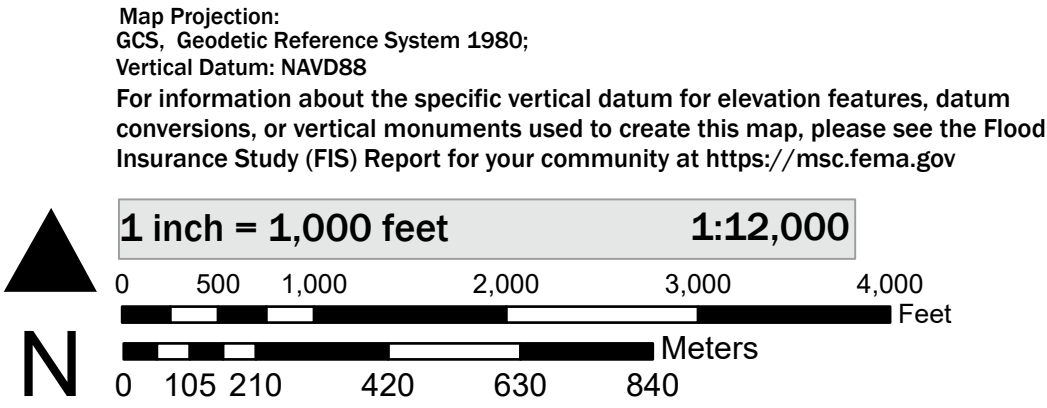
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SENT VIA EMAIL

RE: Red Bay Water System Proposed DWSRF Water Improvements Project
Franklin County, AL
DWSRF Project No. FS010199-04

Dear Mr. Pearson,

The Water Works and Gas Board of the City of Red Bay is seeking financial assistance that includes ARPA Funding for Water System Infrastructure Improvements. The project involves the Scope of Work shown as Contract 1 on the attached map.

The work involves improvements to the Treatment Process at the Red Bay Water Treatment Plant. This work involves filter media replacement, the under drained system on each filter will be replaced, PLC upgrades and telemetry upgrades. The work also involves the installation of a new 16" Watermain to replace the existing undersized Main from the Water Plant Treatment Plant to the 1.0 MG Elevated Storage Tank located near downtown Red Bay,

All work will be performed on existing property that is owned and operated by the Utility Board. The remaining work will be done within road Right of Ways in soils that have previously been disturbed.

We have added a Vicinity Map, Scope of Work Map, and a Flood Map of the area where the work will occur.



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Should you have any questions, please contact me at (205) 951-3838 or via email at rhawkins@uecllc.com.

Very Truly Yours,

UTILITY ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, LLC.

Roderick A. Hawkins, P. E.

RAH/rt

Cc: Mr. Jeff Burks, General Manager – Red Bay Water Works & Gas
Ms. Cynthia Fowler, Comptroller – Red Bay Water Works & Gas



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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 <https://www.fws.gov/project/best-management-practices-alabama>).

William J. Pearson, Field Supervisor
Field Supervisor
Alabama Ecological Services Field Office

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Jones, Chavon

From: Thomas Garrett <tgarrett@uecllc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 31, 2025 1:09 PM
To: Jones, Chavon
Cc: Rod Hawkins; Doug Liles
Subject: Fw: USACE Response to Water Works and Gas Board of the City of Red Bay DWSRF Project No. FS010199-04
Attachments: ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS BGary.pdf

Chavon, I forwarded the attached letter to the US Army Corps of Engineers and received the response that is below.

Please let me know if you need anything different than this response.

Thank you.

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From: Bowling, Michael J CIV USARMY CELRN (USA) <Michael.J.Bowling@usace.army.mil>
Sent: Wednesday, December 31, 2025 12:13 PM
To: Thomas Garrett <tgarrett@uecllc.com>
Subject: USACE Response to Water Works and Gas Board of the City of Red Bay DWSRF Project No. FS010199-04

Good Morning,

USACE has received your project plans for review. Our Regulatory Division's jurisdictional responsibility extends to Section 10 Navigable Waters and Section 404 Waters considered Waters of the U.S. (WoTUS) under the Clean Water Act. There appear to be no Section 10 Waters within the project area so that area of responsibility would not be applicable. After review of the plans as submitted, it is possible that permitting may be required, if there will be any work within Waters that fall within Section 404 jurisdiction. However, that determination would require further review of final plans and is not within the scope of this review. Only work within Waters would require permitting and USACE has no objection to any request for funding, grant requests, nor forward progression of the project as presented. We request that you keep us informed as to the progress of this project should it include any work in Waters so that we may perform the permitting process and assist with the completion of the project.

Very Respectfully,

Michael J Bowling

Regulatory Program Assistant
Regulatory Division

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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February 1, 2024

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Re: AHC 24-0447
Red Bay Water System Proposed DWSRF Water Improvements Project
Franklin County

Dear Ms. Thomas:

We concur with the above referenced project provided all construction activities will occur within **existing and previously disturbed** highway right-of-way and/or other previously disturbed areas. For the purposes of this letter, previous disturbance is defined as mechanical disturbance to either culturally sterile subsoil, or the maximum depth of the proposed undertaking. It should be noted that agricultural plowing does not typically meet this threshold of disturbance, nor do previously undisturbed portions of the ROW that require clearing of additional vegetation. Any area that is to be involved and does not fall into one of the above categories will require a cultural resource assessment by a professional archaeologist. Submit the resulting report to our office for review and determination prior to project initiation.

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 ensure 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 Hewett
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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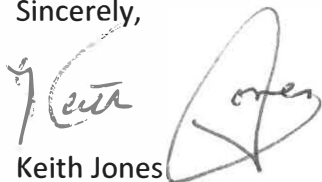
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Re: Project: Water & Gas Board of the City of Red Bay- Proposed Water System
Improvements using ARPA DWSRF Funding

Mr. Hawkins:

We are in receipt of your letter regarding the proposed project to utilize ARPA DWSRF funding to make upgrades to Red Bay's water system. Proposed work at the treatment plant will include replacement of filter media and the under drained system on each filter, as well as PLC and telemetry upgrades. Additionally, a new 16" water main will be installed to replace the existing, undersized main which connects the water treatment plant and 1 MG elevated storage tank near Red Bay's downtown. These upgrades will allow the Board to operate its system more efficiently, benefiting both the Water and Gas Board and the customers it serves. Therefore, this request is consistent and compatible with regional and local development plans and programs. This letter shall serve as regional concurrence with the proposed project.

Sincerely,



Keith Jones
Executive Director
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