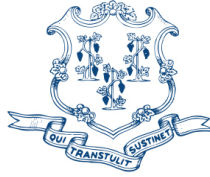


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Environmental Assessment Justification for Categorical Exclusion

A. Project Identification

PWS Name: Waterbury Water Department
Town: Waterbury
PWSID: CT1510011
DWS Project No.: SFY 23-31
Project Name: North Main Pump Station Upgrades
Project Location: 2780 North Main Street, Waterbury, CT

B. Summary of Environmental Review

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The environmental aspects of this project have been reviewed in accordance with State and Federal regulations. The findings of the environmental review are summarized below.

1. Project Description

The North Main Street Extra High Service Area is located in the extreme northern section of the City near the Wolcott and Plymouth boundaries, and includes the Bucks Hill Road area. The area is supplied by the North Main Street Pumping Station that is equipped with two pumps each rated at 1,000 gpm at 310 feet of head. Storage is provided by the 1.5 MG Blackman Road ground storage tank. The hydraulic grade line is elevation 954 feet.

2. Justification for Categorical Exclusion from Connecticut Environmental Policy Act Requirements

The DPH has performed a review of the project under the Environmental Classification Document (ECD) for Connecticut state agencies and determined that this project is well defined and sufficiently limited in scope to qualify as a Category IV project consisting of minor renovations to existing facilities. Based on this determination a review pursuant to the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) is not warranted.

The public water system will be required to obtain any necessary local permits, as applicable. Copies of all required permits must be submitted to the DPH prior to any DWSRF funds being dispersed.

The project area is not within an identified flood plain.



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It is not reasonable to expect any adverse impact to the natural diversity of the surrounding area as the project areas are not within any current Natural Diversity Database Areas.

Although it is not expected that anything of archeological significance will be found, the DPH required the contract language to include procedures for notifying appropriate entities, should anything of significance be found during construction.

3. Justification for Categorical Exclusion from National Environmental Policy Act Requirements

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 6, Procedures for Implementing the Requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the DPH has reviewed the proposed scope of work submitted by Waterbury Water Department in its application for DWSRF assistance. The result of this review indicates that there are no environmental concerns with this project, as discussed below:

- a. With respect to the criteria set forth in 40 CFR Part 6, the proposed project involves actions that are consistent with the eligibility for granting a Categorical Exclusion pursuant to 40 CFR Part 6.204 (a)(ii). Specifically, the project actions are related to existing infrastructure systems that involve minor upgrading, and rehabilitation of the existing system and system components.
- b. With respect to the criteria set forth in 40 CFR Part 6.204 (b) for granting a Categorical Exclusion:
 - i. The proposed action is not known or expected to have potentially significant impacts on the quality of the human environment either individually or cumulatively over time;
 - ii. The proposed action is not known or expected to have any adverse human health or environmental effects on any community;
 - iii. The proposed action is not known or expected to significantly affect federally listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat;
 - iv. The proposed action is not known or expected to significantly affect any national natural landmarks;
 - v. The proposed action is not known or expected to significantly affect any natural resource areas (e.g. flood plains, wetlands, farmlands, or aquifer recharge zones);
 - vi. The proposed action is not known or expected to cause significant adverse air quality effects;
 - vii. The proposed action is not known or expected to have any effects on land use or growth patterns; and
 - viii. The proposed action is not known or expected to cause significant public controversy.

C. Conclusion

Based on the DPH's review, none of the NEPA criteria which would result in the denial of a Categorical Exclusion are met. The proposed action is not known or expected to have any adverse

impact on the quality of the human environment. The action will provide a direct public health benefit to residents and properties served by Waterbury Water Department's public water system. Furthermore, the Department has reviewed the action against the ECD for Connecticut state agencies and determined it is a Category IV action for which a review under the CEPA is not warranted. As a result, the proposed action has met the criteria to be categorically excluded from further NEPA or CEPA review.

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