



State Revolving Fund Loan Programs Drinking Water, Clean Water, Nonpoint Source

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

JACKSON COUNTY WATER UTILITY, INC.
ADDENDUM 1 – VACUUM TRUCK PURCHASE
SRF Project DW 21 03 36 04

Date: May 21, 2024

Pursuant to IC 5-1.2-3, the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in Addendum 1 to Jackson County Water Utility, Inc.'s Preliminary Engineering Report will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion (CE) from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

How were environmental issues considered?

The National Environmental Policy Act requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision-making process. A summary of the project is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement.

Why is additional environmental review not required?

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action. In the absence of significant comments, the attached CE shall serve as the final environmental document.

How do I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted to:

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: Addendum 1 – Vacuum Truck Purchase
Jackson County Water Utility, Inc.
1119 W. Spring Street
Brownstown, IN 47220

SRF Project Number: **DW 21 03 36 04**

Authorized Representative: Mr. Steve Ritter, Board President

II. PROJECT LOCATION

This Addendum is for the purchase of a vacuum excavation truck.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The Jackson County Water Utility (JCWU) needs a vacuum excavation truck in order to support staff who conduct field work and distribution system maintenance and improvements. Vacuum excavation is a more efficient and less disruptive process of uncovering water mains and distribution system components. This equipment is much more efficient than traditional excavation for certain maintenance activities. JCWU has existing vacuum excavation equipment which has met its useful life and must be replaced.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

Total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$392,554. Jackson County Water Utility, Inc. will finance the project with funds remaining in a loan from the Drinking Water SRF Loan Program.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

The environmental impacts will be minimal. All project activities will take place in areas previously disturbed. The proposed project will not affect streams, floodplains, wetlands, wooded areas, or other sensitive environmental resources and will not convert prime farmland.

The scope of work for this project is the purchase of a vacuum excavation truck. Consistent with 36 CFR 800.3(a)(1) in the implementing regulations of the National Historic Preservation Act, the SRF has determined that the proposed undertaking is not a type of activity that has the potential to cause effects to historic properties.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A public notice was published on April 24, 2024 in the Seymour Tribune. No written comments were received following the notice for this project.