



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

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

TOWN OF RUSSELLVILLE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – ADDENDUM 1 SRF Project DW 20 18 67 02

Date: September 16, 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 the amendment to Town of Russellville'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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SRF Programs
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: Water System Improvements – Addendum 1
Town of Russellville
300 N. Harrison Street
Russellville, IN 46175

SRF Project Number: **DW 20 18 67 02**

Authorized Representative: Cary McGaughey, Council President

II. PROJECT LOCATION

This addendum proposes the purchase of a portable generator. The purchase of a generator does not involve a specific location.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The Town of Russellville’s Water Treatment Plant has no back up power. The Town will utilize remaining loan funds to purchase a portable generator to operate its Water Treatment Plant during power outages. Improvements to the plant’s electrical system will be made to accommodate the portable generator. This will ensure the community has uninterrupted access to safe drinking water.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

Total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$138,000. The Town will finance the project with funds from an existing loan from the Drinking Water SRF Loan Program.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

The environmental impacts will be minimal. 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 portable generator. 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 August 23, 2024, in the Banner Graphic. There were no questions on this project following the public notice.