



# State Revolving Fund Loan Programs

## Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

### PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**CITY OF BERNE**  
**PURCHASE OF WASTEWATER EFFLUENT PUMPS**  
**PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT ADDENDUM #3**  
**SRF PROJECT # WW 06 57 01 01**

**Date: April 24, 2012**

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in Berne's Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #3 will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

*How were environmental issues considered?*

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) 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 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.

*How do I submit comments?*

Comments can be submitted to:

Amy Henninger, Senior Environmental Manager  
SRF Programs  
317-232-6566; ahenning at ifa.in.gov

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# **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

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## **I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION**

Project Name and Address:                   **Purchase of Wastewater Effluent Pumps  
Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #3**  
City of Berne  
158 West Franklin Street  
Berne, IN 46711

SRF Project Number:                        WW 06 57 01 01

Authorized Representative:                 The Honorable William F. McKean, Mayor

## **II. PROJECT LOCATION**

Berne is located in Adams County. The Wastewater Treatment Plant is located east of Berne, on the North side of County Road 550 (figure 1).

## **III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE**

The existing wastewater effluent pumps used at the Berne wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) are in need of replacement. Both pumps recently failed at the same time; one pump was too expensive to repair, and the other was only temporarily repaired.

The effluent pumps are an essential component of WWTP operation, as they are used to pump plant effluent from the WWTP to the Wabash River. The proposed vertical in-line pumps will be hydraulically equivalent to the existing pumps.

## **IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS AND FUNDING**

Berne's Common Council has received quotations and awarded the purchase to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, pending approval from the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program. The total bid was \$30,988. The proposed project will be funded with Berne's existing SRF loan.

## **V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES**

The acquisition will have no physical impact on the environment. All work will occur within existing structures. Consistent with 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**

The pump purchase was discussed at a Common Council public meeting on March 12, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 158 West Franklin Street. No comments were received.

Figure 1

