



# 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 MONTPELIER**  
**Purchase and Install Flow Metering Equipment at CSO 004**  
**Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #2**  
**SRF # CS182 323 01**

**Date: April 14, 2011**

**Target Project Approval Date: April 15, 2011**

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the city's Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #2 received by the SRF on March 31, 2011 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 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 EA or an EIS.

*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:

Mr. Max Henschen, Senior Environmental Manager  
SRF Programs  
317-232-8623; mhensche at ifa.in.gov

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## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

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### I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: **Purchase and Install Flow Metering Equipment For Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) 004 Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #2**  
City of Montpelier  
300 West Huntington Street  
Montpelier, IN 47359-1006

SRF Project Number: CS182 323 01

Authorized Representative: The Honorable James McPherson, Mayor  
City of Montpelier

### II. PROJECT LOCATION

Montpelier is located in Harrison Township, Blackford County, approximately 70 miles northeast of Indianapolis. The project area is the CSO 004 outfall structure in the Montpelier USGS topographic quadrangle, T24N, R11E, center of NW ¼ SW ¼ Section 3 (see Figure 1).

### III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

Montpelier has a collection system with sanitary sewers and combined sewers (i.e., sewers that carry both wastewater and stormwater), as well as two CSO outfalls: CSO 002 and CSO 004. Both of these outfalls discharge to East Creek, a tributary of the Salamonie River.

The city's Agreed Order with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management requires the city to develop a CSO Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) to control CSO discharges. The city's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requires flow monitoring at each CSO. The city installed a flow meter in CSO 002 several years ago, but has not done so in CSO 004.

The "No Action" alternative would place the city in non-compliance with its NPDES permit, and the city would be unable to determine the CSO discharge characteristics needed to develop an approvable CSO LTCP; the city rejected this alternative.

The selected alternative is to purchase and install flow metering equipment to record and report the volume, flow and duration of CSO events at CSO 004. A rain gauge will be purchased with city funds and will be placed in the CSO 004 sewer subsystem to monitor precipitation conditions that contribute to discharges from CSO 004.

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

The estimated cost for the purchase and installation of the flow metering equipment is \$6,726. The city closed on a State Revolving Fund (SRF) 20-year loan for \$1,400,000 on September 28, 2001; the loan has \$6,378 remaining. Local funds will make up the balance of the project cost.

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

The flow metering equipment will be installed in the CSO 004 outfall structure. The project will not affect wooded areas, endangered species, wetlands, prime farmland or the 100-year floodplain.

Construction and operation of the project will not alter, demolish or remove historic properties in proximity to CSO 004; see Figure 2. If any visual or audible impacts to historic properties occur, they will be temporary and will not alter the characteristics that qualify such properties for inclusion in or eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. The SRF's finding pursuant to Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act is: "no historic properties affected."

#### **VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The city placed a notice in the local newspaper on March 31, 2011 about the purchase and installation of the flow metering equipment at CSO 004. The city did not receive comments on the project.



