



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
AMMONIA FACILITIES PLANNING & DESIGN
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT ADDENDUM #4
SRF # WW06 57 01 01**

Date: June 7, 2013

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in Addendum #4 to Berne's Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) 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 Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement.

How do I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted to:

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

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: Planning and Design: Ammonia Treatment Facilities
PER Addendum #4
City of Berne
158 West Franklin Street
Berne, IN 46711

SRF Project Number: WW06 57 01 01

Authorized Representative: Gwen Maller, Clerk-Treasurer

II. PROJECT LOCATION

Berne is in Adams County. There are no construction activities with this project.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

Berne has contracted with an engineering firm to plan and design facilities to treat ammonia at the city's wastewater treatment plant. The facilities are necessary to comply with the city's renewed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit; the city has 36 months from the August 1, 2012, permit issuance date to have the ammonia facilities in operation.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

Total design cost is \$202,700. The city will pay for the project with local funds and by using the \$20,305 plus accrued interest remaining in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan which it closed on June 30, 2008.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

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 on historic properties.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The proposed project was discussed at regular council meetings in January and February.