



## State Revolving Fund Loan Programs Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

### PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**TOWN OF FORTVILLE  
WATER METER REPLACEMENT  
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT ADDENDUM #2  
SRF PROJECT # DW 09 01 30 01**

**Date: June 11, 2012**

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in Fortville's Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #2 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:                      Town of Fortville  
Water Meter Replacement  
Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) Addendum #2  
714 East Broadway Street  
Fortville, IN 46040

SRF Project Number:                              DW 09 01 30 01

Authorized Representative:                      Mr. Joe Renner, Town Manager

### **II. PROJECT LOCATION**

Fortville is located in Vernon Township in the northwest part of Hancock County. The project is located in Sections 9 and 10, T17N, R6E in the Ingalls USGS quadrangle.

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

The original project was approved by the State Revolving Loan Program (SRF) on April 24, 2009. Addendum #2 revises the project scope by adding the replacement of approximately 800 existing water meters throughout the Town of Fortville. Replacement of the meters is required in a Commission Order issued by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and the Office of Utility Consumer Counselor to reduce water loss in the distribution system.

The “no-action” alternative was evaluated and rejected, since it would not alleviate the water loss presently being experienced. In addition, the town would still have to develop a plan to replace the meters in order to be in compliance with the Commission Order.

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

Fortville will finance the project using the balance of SRF Loan DW 09 01 30 01.

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

The proposed addendum will replace existing equipment. Construction and operation of the project will not alter, demolish or remove historic properties. 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 water meter replacement project was discussed and approved on December 19, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the Fortville Town Hall. No public comments were received.