



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

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
COLUMBIA AVENUE EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT ADDENDUM #28
SRF # WW05 16 45 02**

Date: April 16, 2014

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in Addendum #28 to the Hammond Sanitary District's Preliminary Engineering Report submitted to the SRF on March 26, 2014, 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.

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:

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

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: Columbia Avenue Emergency Sewer Repair
Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #28
Hammond Sanitary District
5143 Columbia Avenue
Hammond, IN 46327-1794

SRF Project Number: WW05 16 45 02

Authorized Representative: Marty Wielgos, District Manager

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The project will occur in Columbia Avenue in North Township, Township 36 North, Range 9 West, sections 18 and 19; Columbia Ave. is the line between the Calumet City and Highland USGS 7.5' quadrangles. See Figure 1.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

A 21-inch interceptor in Columbia Avenue between Ridge Road and River Drive in Munster has broken several times resulting in street cave-ins. The District has already spent \$183,000 in emergency repairs to this line. Approximately 2600 feet of the interceptor needs to be replaced.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

Total cost will be approximately \$750,000. The District will use funds from its SRF Loan WW05 16 45 02 to fund the project. Monthly user rates will not have to be adjusted.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

Construction and operation of the project will not alter, demolish or remove historic properties; see Figure 1. 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 the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, is: "no historic properties affected."

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The District published a public notice on April 10, 2014, describing the project.

