



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

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**INDIANA AMERICAN WATER COMPANY
ACQUISITION OF YANKEETOWN WATER AUTHORITY
SRF # DW 14 04 87 01**

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 the town's Preliminary Engineering Report 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 an 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:

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: Acquisition of Yankeetown Water Authority
Indiana American Water
555 E County Line Road
Indianapolis, IN 46143

SRF Project Number: DW 14048701

Authorized Representative: Mr. Alan DeBoy, President

II. PROJECT LOCATION

Yankeetown Water Authority is located in Warrick County, Anderson Township, Indiana.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

In order to improve financial stability, Indiana American Water Company will purchase the Yankeetown Water Authority, a private water utility.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS AND FUNDING

A. Cost Summary

	ESTIMATED COST
<u>Utility Acquisition</u>	<u>\$1,683,000</u>
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$1,683,000

B. Indiana American Water Company will finance the acquisition through a loan of approximately \$1,683,000 from the SRF Loan Program. The assumption of this debt has been approved by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission on March 26, 2014.

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

A special meeting was held on May 28, 2013 to discuss the sale. All customers of Yankeetown Water Authority were notified of the meeting by inclusion of a notice on their water bills. The customers of Yankeetown Water Authority considered this project at a public meeting on July 9, 2013. A vote of membership occurred, and over 90% of the votes were in favor of the sale to Indiana American Water Company.