



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

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

SOUTH DEARBORN REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT ADDENDUM NO. 1 SRF Project WW 21 24 15 01

Date: April 18, 2024

Pursuant to IC 5-1.2-3, the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the Addendum to South Dearborn Regional Sewer District's Preliminary Engineering Report will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion (CE) 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. In the absence of significant comments, the attached CE shall serve as the final environmental document.

How do I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted to:

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: Addendum No. 1
South Dearborn Regional Sewer District
WWTF Improvements Project
370 W. Eads Pkwy
Lawrenceburg, IN 47025

SRF Project Number: **WW 21 24 15 01**

Authorized Representative: Patrick Schwing, Board President

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project is located in Dearborn County, Lawrenceburg township, Lawrenceburg 24K USGS Quadrangle, township 5N, range 1W and section 15. See **Figure 1**.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

South Dearborn Regional Sewer District's Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) provides treatment services to three cities, Lawrenceburg, Greendale and Aurora, as well as significant industrial users in the area. Several elements of the treatment process at the WWTF are inefficient or outdated. Without improvements the WWTF will continue to degrade to the point of inoperability and ultimately treatment failure. The quality of sludge treatment at the WWTF cannot be maintained in its current overloaded state. The project will improve the WWTF in order to provide the required treatment to meet regulatory standards.

The proposed Addendum No. 1 to the previously approved WWTF Improvements Project includes the replacement of the sludge holding basin aeration blowers and air lines, replacement of the primary clarifier sludge pumps, and construction of a new storage building at the existing WWTF.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

Total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$820,000. The South Dearborn Regional Sewer District will finance the project with an existing loan from the Clean Water SRF Loan Program.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

The environmental impacts will be minimal. All project activities will take place in areas previously disturbed by installation of the WWTF and will occur within the existing fence line of the WWTF. The proposed project will not affect streams, floodplains, wetlands, wooded areas, or other sensitive environmental resources and will not convert prime farmland.

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 National Preservation Act is: “no historic properties affected.”

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A public notice regarding this addendum was published on February 29, 2024 in the Register.



Figure 1