



State Revolving Fund Loan Programs

Drinking Water, Clean Water, Nonpoint Source

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**CITY OF LOGANSPORT
BROWNFIELDS PROJECT
SRF Project WW 22 39 09 08**

Date: February 28, 2023

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 City of Logansport'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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SRF Programs
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: Brownfields Project
City of Logansport
601 E Broadway
Logansport IN 46947

SRF Project Number: **WW 22 39 09 08**

Authorized Representative: Greg Toth, Superintendent

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project is located in Cass County, Eel township, Lucerne 24k USGS Quadrangle, George Cicott, just west of 27N, 1E section 25, at the former Exide Battery brownfields site. See **Figure 1**.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

Logansport is implementing environmental investigation and remediation for the former Exide Battery property located at 303 Water Street. The site is a 17.41-acre unused brownfields site with no structures, only the former building slab remains. The general remediation plan will consist of addressing lead impacted soils and trichloroethene impacted groundwater by removal and proper disposal. Excavation, removal, and lawful disposal of site soil and groundwater per the Federal Clean Water Act Section 319(h) for nonpoint source (NPS) will be completed throughout the site. Completion of the project will improve the environment and eliminate a possible source of contamination to the Eel River. The Clean Water SRF Program will incorporate an associated interest rate break.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

Total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$3,000,000. The City of Logansport will finance the project with a loan from the Clean Water SRF Loan Program for a term and annual fixed interest rate to be determined at loan closing. Monthly user rates and charges may need to be analyzed to determine if adjustments are required for loan repayment.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

The environmental impacts will be minimal. All project activities will take place in areas previously disturbed by construction and operation of Exide Battery. 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

The former Exide property was discussed at City Council meetings, which are held the first Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Logansport City Hall Council Chambers at 601 E. Broadway Street, 46947. The public is welcome to attend City Council meetings. The project was discussed and related ordinances passed at meetings held on November 7, 2022 and December 5, 2022.

