



State Revolving Fund Loan Programs

Drinking Water, Clean Water, Nonpoint Source

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

BBP WATER CORPORATION

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – ADDENDUM 1

SRF Project DW 23 21 60 02

Date: June 23, 2025

Pursuant to IC 5-1.2-3, the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the addendum to BBP Water Corporation'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: Distribution System Improvements Addendum 1
BBP Water Corporation
256 West Clay Street
Spencer, IN 47460

SRF Project Number: **DW 23 21 60 02**

Authorized Representative: Todd Gardner, CEO

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project is located in Owen County, Washington Township, Gosport 24k USGS Quadrangle, Township 10N, Range 3W and Section 27. See **Figure 1**.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

Addendum No. 1 includes rehabilitation of the 657,000-gallon State Road 43 Ground Level Water Storage Tank. The project will remove the existing coating system, perform necessary repairs, recoat the interior and exterior of the tank, and install a handrail system. Rehabilitation will address corrosion and coating failure, safety and code requirements, and will extend the tank life.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY, AND FUNDING

The total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$365,000. BBP Water Corporation intends to finance the project with funds from an existing loan from the Drinking 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 the existing water storage tank. 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 was published on April 10, 2025, in The Herald Times. No written comments were received following the notice for this project.

Figure 1: State Road 43 Tank Rehabilitation - Tank Location Map

