



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

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

CITIZENS ENERGY GROUP
MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENTS –
ADDENDUM 1
SRF Project DW 24 74 49 00

Date: November 19, 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 Citizens Energy Group'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: Martindale-Brightwood Neighborhood Water Main Replacements and Near NW Riverside Neighborhood– Addendum 1
Citizens Energy Group
2150 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202

SRF Project Number: **DW 24 68 49 03 C (previously 24 74 49 00)**

Authorized Representative: Jeffrey Harrison, President and CEO

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project is located in Marion County, Washington Civil Township, Indianapolis East 24k USGS Quadrangle, Township 16N, Range 4E, Section 16; Township 16N, Range 3E, Sections 22, 26, 27, 34, 35. See **Figures 1-2**.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

PER Addendum No. 1 includes water main replacements and extensions in District 8 areas. Approximately 1,250 LF of 6-inch diameter water main will be replaced with 8-inch diameter on Devon Drive, which will minimize failures due to age and will address flow and pressure concerns. Approximately 1,275 LF of 8-inch diameter water main extensions will add redundancy to the system by increasing the number of water system connections supplying Ashbourne Lane, Devon Drive, Brown Road and North Sherman Drive.

PER Addendum No. 1 also includes water main replacements in the Near Northwest Riverside neighborhood. The Near Northwest Riverside Neighborhood Water Main Replacement project includes replacement of aged water mains associated with the lead service line replacement project in the Near Northwest Riverside Neighborhood. The project will reduce the risk of main breaks due to pipe age and material. Completing the work concurrently with the lead service line replacement project will result in cost savings and less disruption for the residents.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY, AND FUNDING

The total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$2,950,000. Citizens Energy Group 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 existing utilities. 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 October 3, 2025, in The Indianapolis Star. No written comments were received following the notice for this project.

