



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

### PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**EVANSVILLE WATER AND SEWER UTILITY  
PER J ADDENDUM No. 5  
SRF Project WW18188218 and WW19138219**

**Date: February 16, 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 Evansville Water and Sewer Utility'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:

April Douglas  
Environmental Review Coordinator  
SRF Programs  
317-234-7294  
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# CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

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## I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: **PER J Addendum No. 5**  
Evansville Water and Sewer Utility  
1 S.E. 9th Street, Suite 200  
Evansville, IN 47708

SRF Project Number: **WW18188218 and WW19138219**

Authorized Representative: Mr. Shawn Wright, Director of Planning

## II. PROJECT LOCATION

Program management does not impact specific locations.

## III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The selected alternative involves pursuing funding through the State Revolving Fund Program for continued Program Management of EWSU's Renew Evansville Program, and Integrated Overflow Control Plan (IOCP) Phase III Reevaluation.

Program Management ensures the on-going planning, design and construction efforts associated with Evansville's consent decree with the U.S. EPA and IDEM via the Renew Evansville Program are completed in the most efficient and cost-effective manner. IOCP Phase III Reevaluation, including regulatory support, alternatives evaluation and integration, affordability analysis, and IOCP framework development, will assist in reevaluating the remaining IOCP projects and the strategy to develop an affordable, approvable plan.

## IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

Total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$1,241,225. The Evansville Water and Sewer Utility will finance the project with existing loans 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. The proposed project will not affect streams, floodplains, wetlands, wooded areas, or other sensitive environmental resources and will not convert prime farmland.

The scope of work for this project is the financing of a management program. 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 to historic properties.

## **VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A public notice was published on February 13, 2024 in the Evansville Courier. No written comments were received following the notice for this project.