



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 FRANKFORT

ADDENDUM NO. 3 – BIOSOLIDS SPREADER EQUIPMENT PURCHASE AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM SCADA SUPPORT SRF Project WW 18 16 12 01

Date: March 19, 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 Addendum No. 3 to the City of Frankfort'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: PER Addendum No. 3
Biosolids Spreader Equipment Purchase and
Wastewater System SCADA Support
City of Frankfort
1000 Washington Avenue
Frankfort, IN 46041

SRF Project Number: **WW 18 16 12 01**

Authorized Representative: Kent Brewer, Utility Service Board Chairman

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The equipment and SCADA system will be used throughout the service area.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

PER Addendum No. 3 includes the purchase of a biosolids spreader. The utility's existing equipment is at the end of its useful life and replacement parts are increasingly difficult to find. The new equipment will be used to reliably spread biosolids on farm fields in accordance with the IDEM land application permit.

PER Addendum No. 3 also includes professional services for SCADA system programming and ongoing support. The original PER included SCADA controls and programming at the plant. This addendum adds SCADA programming and support both at the plant and at the collection system lift stations. Technical assistance will allow migration of SCADA controls to a PLC based system, enabling consistent controls throughout the wastewater system.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

Total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$130,000. Frankfort will finance the project with funds remaining in a loan from the Clean Water SRF Loan Program.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

The scope of work for this project is the purchase of biosolids spreader equipment and Wastewater System SCADA Support. 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 in the Frankfort Times on January 24, 2024. No written comments were received following the notice for this project.