



CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

For the Proposed Project of City of Lakeland (Shelby County), Tennessee

Loan No. SRF 2026-505

August 13, 2026

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's State Revolving Fund Loan Program has conducted a review of the above-referenced project in accordance with the Operating Agreement between the Department and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for implementing the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Loan Program. The Department has determined that this project is eligible for a Categorical Exclusion (CE). Accordingly, the Department is exempting the project from further substantive environmental review requirements under the Department's EPA-approved National Environmental Policy Act-like environmental review process.

The project consists of the construction of two pump stations on Highway 64; the installation of approximately 18,000 linear feet (LF) of 12-inch and 14-inch diameter force main; an odor control tower; and the installation of approximately 1,800 LF of 24-inch and 36-inch diameter Oliver Creek Interceptor. The total estimated project cost is \$31,510,200. A CWSRF loan in the amount of \$22,000,000 has been requested for this project. Additional funding will be requested from the CWSRF Loan Program to cover the remaining project cost.

The project is eligible for a CE because undertaking this action:

1. Will not create a new or relocate an existing discharge to surface or ground waters
2. Will not substantially increase the volume of discharge or load of pollutants
3. Will not provide capacity to serve a population 30 percent greater than the existing population
4. Will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment
5. Will not directly or indirectly affect cultural resources, habitats of endangered or threatened species, or environmentally important natural resources areas
6. Is cost-effective and should cause no significant public controversy

The CE determination shall become effective upon its distribution by the Department and can be revoked at any time that adverse information is made available. The documentation to support this CE eligibility determination will be on file with the Department and available for public review upon request.

If you wish to comment or to challenge this CE, email your comment(s) to:

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