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RE: ARC Grant No. GA-20129
Rockmart Water Pollution Control Plant Upgrades
Categorical Exclusion (CE)
NPDES Permit No. GA0026042
EPD # 2020-058
Polk County

Dear Mr. Ellis:

Attached is a copy of a *Categorical Exclusion* (CE) prepared for the above-referenced project. The public comment period for this CE is 30 days. **Please ensure that the CE is posted at a conspicuous location, such as at Rockmart City Hall, for public review for 30 days from the date of this letter.**

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (404) 463-4944 or Chris.Bruegge@dnr.ga.gov.

Sincerely,

Chris Bruegge
Municipal Permitting Unit
Wastewater Regulatory Program

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

Rockmart Water Pollution Control Plant Upgrades

City of Rockmart (Polk County)

ARC Grant No. GA-20129

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has conducted a review of the above project in accordance with the State's Environmental Review Process (SERP). EPD has determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Accordingly, no further environmental review is planned. The proposed project consists of the replacement of the mechanical bar screen, as well as the conversion of two existing clarifiers into aerobic digesters to account for increased solids generation from an industrial user. There will be no increase in permitted capacity as a result of the improvements. No existing buildings will be impacted as a result of this project. All construction will be located on City owned-property and/or existing right-of-ways.

This project is eligible for a categorical exclusion because it meets the following specific criteria, outlined in the SERP: functional replacement of equipment and minor rehabilitation of existing facilities. Furthermore: the project will not create a new or relocate an existing discharge to surface or ground waters; the project will not substantially increase the volume of discharge or loading of pollutants; the project will not provide capacity to serve a population 30% greater than the existing population; the project will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment; the action will not directly or indirectly affect cultural resources, habitats of endangered or threatened species, or environmentally important natural resource areas; and the action is cost-effective and should cause no significant public controversy.

This determination becomes effective after thirty (30) days following its distribution by EPD. This exclusion may be revoked at any time if: 1) the project is altered and no longer meets the requirements of a categorical exclusion, 2) new evidence shows that serious environmental issues exist, or 3) a local, State or Federal law is being or may be violated. The information which supports this decision is on file with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division and is available for public review upon request. A copy of the proposed project documentation is also available for review at Rockmart City Hall in Polk County, Georgia.

Categorical Exclusion
GEFA Georgia Loan No. GF-2020-007
ARC Grant No. ARC-GA-20129
City of Rockmart
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All interested agencies, groups and persons supporting or disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit comments within thirty (30) days of the publish date of this notice via email to chris.bruegge@dnr.ga.gov or to the following address:

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After evaluating the comments received, EPD will make a final decision regarding approval of the project. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after publication of this Notice.

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