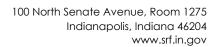


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Mr. Troy McKinney Wastewater Superintendent 515 Bluff Street Crawfordsville, IN 47933

Environmental Programs

Re: WWTP Headworks Screen PER Addendum No. 4 SRF Project WW 16 28 54 02

Dear Mr. McKinney:

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program is pleased to announce that Addendum No. 4 to the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for Crawfordsville is approved. Our review was conducted in accordance with the provisions of Indiana Code 5-1.2-3. Our Preliminary Decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review issued on October 18, 2016, is reaffirmed.

PER Addendum No. 4 includes replacement of the existing screen at the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) headworks. The existing screen is at the end of its useful life, inoperable, and no longer able to be repaired. The new mechanical screen will remove floatables and trash from the wastewater influent prior to treatment, preventing damage to pumps and equipment and allowing compliance with the city's NPDES permit.

This approval is for administrative purposes only and does not relieve the community of its responsibility to properly design, build and effectively operate and maintain the proposed facilities covered by this approval.

As a reminder, the project must be completed within 24 months of loan closing, with a copy of the Certificate of Substantial Completion on file with the SRF Loan Program to avoid the 1% non-use fee on any undrawn funds.

Please be advised that the changes to the project may require the bond ordinance that originally authorized its financing to be amended. The community should contact the bond counsel who assisted in the financing of the project to determine if such an amendment is necessary. In addition, Indiana Code 5-1-13 prescribes that certain steps must be taken when surplus bond proceeds are being used. The bond counsel should be able to assist the community with satisfying those requirements. If there are questions, please contact Debbie Wright at 317-234-4863.

Please note that the American Iron and Steel Requirement applies to this project. Therefore, iron and steel products specified for the project must be manufactured in the United States. Please refer to this link http://water.epa.gov/grants funding/aisrequirement.cfm, where EPA has included guidance and

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other American Iron and Steel information. If you have any questions about the American Iron and Steel Requirement, contact State Revolving Fund Compliance Officer Amy Henninger at (317) 232-6566.

The SRF Loan Program looks forward to financing the proposed WWTP headworks screen for Crawfordsville.

Sincerely,

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