



State Revolving Fund Loan Programs  
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Re: **PER Addendum No. 1 – Phase 2 Revisions**  
Region C Wastewater System Phase 2 and 3  
Phase 2: SRF Project No. WW 21 39 44 05  
Phase 3: SRF Project No. WW 21 39 44 06

Dear Mr. Sams:

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program is pleased to announce that Addendum No. 1 to the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for LaGrange County Regional Utility District (RUD) is approved. Our review was conducted in accordance with the provisions of Indiana Code 5-1.2-3. In addition, our Finding of No Significant Impact that was issued on January 13, 2022, is reaffirmed.

**This PER Addendum No. 1 approval letter replaces the original SRF PER approval dated March 9, 2022.**

The project will provide wastewater collection and treatment to LaGrange County RUD's Region C Phase 2 and 3 areas, including North Twin Lake, South Twin Lake, Still Lake, west side of Pigeon Lake, and areas along SR 120 and CR 600N.

The financing completed in December 2022 included Phase 2 projects. Due to bid pricing, the Phase 2 scope was reduced, and the project was split into Phase 2 and 3. A separate future financing is proposed for Phase 3. The new lift station location was also revised during project design.

The revised Region C Wastewater System Phase 2 project includes:

- New pressure sewer system with grinder pump stations serving Pigeon Lake, southern portion of North Twin Lake, northern portion of South Twin Lake, and areas along SR 120 and CR 600 N; and
- New lift station, LS #19, relocated to the northeast corner of the intersection of CR 100 W and CR 600 N/575 N, with force main piping extending along CR 600 N/575 N, CR 100 W, and CR 600 N to the existing gravity sewer along SR 9 flowing to the Region C wastewater treatment plant (WWTP).

The Region C Wastewater System Phase 3 project includes:

- New pressure sewer system with grinder pump stations serving the northern portion of North Twin Lake and Still Lake, and southern portion of South Twin Lake; and
- Expansion of the existing extended aeration Region C WWTP from 0.20 MGD to 0.40 MGD, including replacing (upsizing) pumps in main pump station; upsizing aeration basins, diffusers and blowers; new secondary clarifier; new aerobic digester tankage; expansion of the existing



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sludge dewatering pad; new dry sludge storage structure; and new cover for the UV disinfection/post-aeration structure.

The Region C Wastewater Collection System Phase 2 and 3 project will address failing septic systems which will reduce the potential for contaminated groundwater, private water wells, and surrounding lakes and rivers. Therefore, the project qualifies for the SRF nonpoint source (NPS) incentive program.

There are no Green Project Reserve (GPR) components identified in the project at this time. Green components may be identified prior to loan closing.

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.

This approval is contingent upon the issuance of all required permits including the construction permit as issued by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. Plans and specifications should be completed as soon as possible and submitted to IDEM with the front-end documentation. Information pertaining to the bid and contract reviews is enclosed for convenience. Please submit the front-end documentation certification form to SRF prior to bidding.

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 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](http://water.epa.gov/grants_funding/aisrequirement.cfm), where EPA has included guidance and other American Iron and Steel information. Per recent discussions with EPA, valves can no longer be considered part of an AIS De Minimus Waiver. Please identify specific valve needs and let us know if non-domestic valves are needed as soon as possible so we can discuss options. If you have any questions about the American Iron and Steel Requirement, contact Indiana Finance Authority Compliance Officer Amy Henninger at (317) 232-6566.

LaGrange County RUD's next step is to contact its financial advisor and its nationally recognized bond counsel to assist in preparing the appropriate financial and legal documents needed to close LaGrange County RUD's SRF loan. All SRF Loan Program requirements, including bidding the entire SRF-financed project, must be completed prior to LaGrange County RUD receiving SRF financing.

The Clean Water SRF Loan Program looks forward to financing Phase 2 revisions and Phase 3 of the proposed Region C Wastewater System project for LaGrange County RUD.

Sincerely,



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