



March 15, 2013

Notice of Issuance of a Limited Environmental Review and Final Finding of No Significant Impact to All Interested Citizens, Organizations and Government Agencies

Village of West Union – Main Street from West Street to Wilson Drive Water Main Replacement Project WSRLA # FS390989-0012

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that Ohio EPA has reviewed the referenced project and finds that neither an Environmental Assessment (EA) nor a Supplemental Study (SS) is required to implement the project as discussed in the attached Limited Environmental Review (LER). Therefore, a Finding of No Significant Impact is being issued for this project.

This project involves replacement of existing water line along Main Street from West Street to Wilson Drive in the Village of West Union, Adams County, Ohio. Specifically, it involves the installation of approximately 6,300 feet of 4- to 10-inch water line. The alignments of the water line replacements will parallel the existing water lines in existing easements, in areas that have been previously disturbed by road construction and residential, commercial and other building construction. Upon completion of the new water lines, the existing water lines will be abandoned in-place. The proposed project is not expanding service of the Village's water distribution system, but rather replacing its failing infrastructure.

The Drinking Water Assistance Fund program requires the inclusion of environmental factors in the decision-making process for project approval. Ohio EPA has done this by incorporating a detailed analysis of the environmental effects of the proposed action in its review and approval process. Environmental information was developed as part of the project plan, as well as through the project plan review process. A subsequent review by this Agency has found that the proposed action does not require the preparation of an EA or an SS.

Our environmental review concluded that because the proposed project is limited in scope and meets all applicable criteria, a Limited Environmental Review is warranted. Specifically, the project entails the replacement of deteriorating waterlines, and is not for the construction of new or expanded facilities. Furthermore, the proposed project:

- Has no significant environmental effect;
- Does not require extensive specific impact mitigation;
- Has no effect on high value environmental resources;
- Is cost effective;

- Is not a controversial action;
- Does not create a new, or relocate an existing discharge to surface or ground waters;
- Does not create a new source of water withdrawals from either surface or ground waters, or significantly increase the amount of water withdrawn from an existing water source;
- Will not result in substantial increases in the volume of discharge or the loading of pollutants from an existing source or from new facilities to receiving waters; and
- Will not provide capacity to serve a population substantially greater than the existing population.

The LER presents additional information on the proposed project, its costs, and the basis for our decision. Further information can be obtained by calling or writing the contact person listed on the back of the LER.

Upon issuance of this determination, a loan award may proceed without being subject to further environmental review or public comment, unless information is provided which determines that environmental conditions for the proposed project have changed significantly.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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