Determination of Minor Construction Activity

North Carolina Division of Water Quality
Construction Grants and Loans Section

Project Applicant:	City of Morganton
Date:	June 1, 2011
Project Number:	CS370725-02
Estimated Project Cost:	$10,776,700
Estimated Funding Amount:	$10,535,700

Project Description: The proposed project addresses modifications at the existing wastewater treatment facility. These include 1) the replacement of the current inoperable screens with new stainless steel climber screens; 2) the replacement of two influent pumps and retrofitting of two additional influent pumps and three new AFDs; 3) the installation of a MAG meter; 4) the construction of a new, future 1.5 MGD process basin for flow equalization; 5) the replacement and upgrade of the process controls for the current reactors; 6) the replacement of the existing secondary clarifier collection system with a new suction-type system; 7) the installation of a new potable water backup supply for the chlorination system; 8) two new submersible mixers in each sludge holding tank; 9) the installation of a second centrifuge for dewatering along with a skid mounted polymer feed system; 10) and the construction of a containment curb and new storm drain system with storm water pump station for the compost area.

The above named applicant intends to apply for assistance from the State Revolving Fund program to construct the wastewater facilities described above. The North Carolina Division of Water Quality (DWQ) has conducted a review of the project in accordance with the procedures (NCAC 15A Subchapter 1C) for conformance with the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act. The DWQ has determined that this project is a minor construction activity, and that the preparation of additional environmental documents is not required.

This determination shall become effective upon its distribution by DWQ and will be available on the DWQ Construction Grants and Loans Section's website (http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/cgls/er/fonsis). This determination can be revoked at any time adverse information is made available. The documentation to support this decision will be on file with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Water Quality, Construction Grants and Loans Section, and is available for public scrutiny upon request.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Ms. Jennifer Haynie, Facility Evaluation Unit, Construction Grants and Loans Section, Division of Water Quality, 1633 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699, or she can be reached by phone at (919) 715-6223.

Sincerely,

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