Determination of Minor Construction Activity

North Carolina Division of Water Quality
Infrastructure Finance Section

Project Applicant:	Town of Newport
Date:	May 21, 2012
Project Number:	CS370691-02
Estimated Project Cost:	$8,202,370
Estimated Funding Amount:	$7,253,304

Project Description: The proposed project will expand and upgrade its existing wastewater treatment plant from the current permitted discharge of 0.75 million gallons per day (MGD) to 1.2 MGD. The expansion and upgrade will include the following components: (1) a new head works facility including a influent sampler, Parshall flume, main inflow channel with mechanical bar screen and grit removal system, and bypass channel with slide gates; (2) a 3 MGD influent pump station; (3) new dual oxidation ditches approximately 0.7232 million gallons in size; (4) two new clarifiers, each with a diameter of 70 feet and side water depth of 13.5 feet; (5) a new building for sludge drying and storage to house the existing belt press and new bio-stabilization unit with lime feed and storage area; (6) a new lab and administrative building; (7) dual tertiary disc filters; (8) a new chlorine contact facility with a new chlorine contact basin and new chlorine feed pumps, and a new de-chlorination facility; (9) a new gravity step aerator; and (10) a new 3 MGD effluent pumping station.

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 below the minor construction activities threshold outlined in 15A NCAC 01C .0408; therefore, the project is exempt from inter-agency review, and 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 Infrastructure Finance Section's website (http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/ifs/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, Infrastructure Finance Section, and is available for public scrutiny upon request.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Ms. Jennifer Haynie, Facilities Evaluation Unit, Infrastructure Finance Section, Division of Water Quality, 1633 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699, or she can be reached by phone at (919) 707-9173.

Sincerely,

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