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OFFICE OF WATER

PRELIMINARY FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)

To all interested government agencies, public groups, and individuals:

In accordance with the Council of Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR Part 1500), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR Part 6), EPA has completed an environmental review of the following proposed action:

Issuance of Credit Assistance to Water and Waste Water Infrastructure Projects Under the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Program

The Environmental Protection Agency is evaluating the issuance of credit assistance to water and waste water infrastructure programs under the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program. The environmental review process, which is documented by the enclosed Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA), indicates that no potential significant adverse environmental impacts are anticipated from the proposed action. The PEA analyzes the potential adverse and beneficial environmental impacts associated with providing WIFIA credit assistance to eligible water infrastructure projects in compliance with NEPA. Projects receiving WIFIA credit assistance must also comply with applicable federal laws and regulations and Executive Orders (EO) and other state and local environmental reviews.

Based on the environmental impact analysis in the PEA, EPA has determined that no significant environmental impacts are anticipated from the issuance of WIFIA credit assistance and the proposed action does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, making the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) unnecessary. Therefore, I am issuing this preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to document this determination.

Copies of the PEA are available by request or by accessing it through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov/> under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2018-0079. An electronic copy of this document is available for download from EPA's NEPA Compliance Database at <https://cdxnodengn.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-public/action/nepa/search> and the WIFIA program website at <https://www.epa.gov/wifia>.

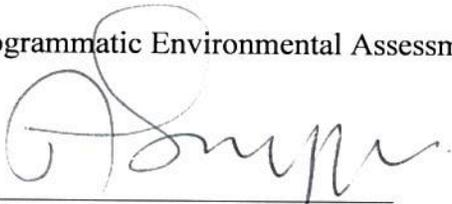
Comments regarding my preliminary decision may be submitted for consideration at <http://www.regulations.gov> under the above Docket ID. Questions on my preliminary decision can be directed to Mr. Alejandro Escobar by email at wifia@epa.gov.

After evaluating any comments received, the EPA will make a final decision. The preliminary decision and finding will then become final after the 30-day comment period expires if no new significant information is provided to alter this finding.

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Enclosure

Programmatic Environmental Assessment for the WIFIA Program, April 2018



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