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August 19, 2010

Freeport Sewer District
154 South Freeport Road
P.O. Box 76
Freeport, Maine 04032

SUBJECT: Freeport Sewer District, Wastewater Treatment Facility Aeration Upgrades Categorical Exclusion

Dear Mr. Allen:

In compliance with Section C of the "State of Maine Revolving Loan Fund Rules Chapter 595" this office has reviewed the environmental aspects of the proposed wastewater treatment facility upgrade for your community. From this review, we have determined that the project meets the criteria for a Categorical Exclusion therefore a Finding of No Significant Impact will not be required.

We will have distributed the Categorical Exclusion to all known interested parties (See attached list). The Freeport Sewer District is required to publish a notice indicating the determination in a local newspaper of community-wide circulation stating the supporting documentation is available for public inspection. The exclusion may be revoked at any time if any of the criteria used for its issuance are violated.

For your convenience, we have included a suggested format for the legal advertisement. Please advertise as soon as possible to allow a 15 day comment period. Once advertised, please send a copy of the advertisement to this office for our records.

Sincerely,

Brandy M. Piers, Project Engineer
Division of Water Quality Management
Bureau of Land and Water Quality

Enc. Categorical Exclusion
Distribution List
Legal Advertisement

cc: Brian Cataldo, Woodard & Curran
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JUSTIFICATION FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

A. Project Identification

Project Name: Wastewater Treatment Facility Aeration Upgrades

Address: Freeport Sewer District
154 South Freeport Road
P.O. Box 76
Freeport, ME 04032

Project Location: Town of Freeport
Cumberland County

Project Number: C230116-05

B. Summary of Environmental Review

The contract documents and specifications entitled "Wastewater Treatment Facility Aeration Upgrades" for the Freeport Sewer District have been reviewed, and in accordance with State of Maine Revolving Loan Fund Rules Chapter 595, the findings of our environmental review are summarized below.

1. Project Description

The Freeport Sewer District (FSD) Aeration Upgrades include the following process and equipment improvements; five positive displacement blowers, fine bubble membrane disk diffusers for all three aeration tanks, three return sludge transfer pumps and wells, three sludge holding tank decant pumps, two new aeration blowers in the blower room wired with speed control based on the Dissolved Oxygen (DO) signal and miscellaneous equipment upgrades.

The total cost for the project is estimated at $ **900,000**.

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2. Justification for Categorical Exclusion

Under section C(5)(i)(AA)(I) of the State of Maine Revolving Loan Fund Rules Chapter 595, the proposed treatment facility aeration upgrade meets the criteria for a categorical exclusion from the requirement for a substantive environmental review . The project upgrade will not provide treatment plant capacity to serve a population 30% greater than the existing population. The project is not expected to have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment nor is it expected to affect cultural resource areas, endangered or threaten species and their critical habitats, or to affect natural resource areas such as floodplains, wetlands, important farm lands, aquifer recharge zones or their identified resource areas.

Brandy M. Piers
Project Engineer
Maine Department of Environmental Protection

8/19/10
Date

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DETERMINATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO: All Interested Persons

DATE ISSUED: August 19, 2010

As required by Section C of "The State of Maine Revolving Loan Fund Rules" the Department of Environmental Protection staff prepared a "Justification for Categorical Exclusion" on behalf of the Freeport Sewer District for the WWTF Aeration Upgrade to exempt a proposed action from the substantive environmental review requirements.

The proposed action for Aeration Upgrades at the Freeport Sewer District Facility include the following process and equipment improvements; five positive displacement blowers, fine bubble membrane disk diffusers for all three aeration tanks, three return sludge transfer pumps and wells, three sludge holding tank decant pumps, two new aeration blowers in the blower room wired with speed control based on the Dissolved Oxygen (DO) signal and miscellaneous equipment upgrades.

A review of the proposed action by DEP has indicated that it meets the criteria for a Categorical Exclusion. Specifically, the proposed action is directed solely toward the functional replacement of equipment at the existing facilities.

Therefore, I am granting the Categorical Exclusion from substantive environmental review as provided in Section C of the State of Maine Revolving Loan Fund Rules Chapter 595. This exclusion may be revoked at any time if any of the criteria used for its issuance are violated.

Further records in regard to the project are on file and are available for public review at this office and local address indicated on the attached justification. Comments relative to this decision may be submitted to DEP.

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The Following Notice Is To Be Placed In A Local Newspaper Of Community-Wide Circulation.

NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

The State of Maine, Department of Environmental Protection, has issued a categorical exclusion in compliance with Section C of "The State of Maine Revolving Loan Fund Rules Chapter 595", on behalf of the Freeport Sewer District to exempt a proposed action from the substantive environmental review requirements.

The proposed action for Aeration Upgrades at the Freeport Sewer District Facility include the following process and equipment improvements; five positive displacement blowers, fine bubble membrane disk diffusers for all three aeration tanks, three return sludge transfer pumps and wells, three sludge holding tank decant pumps, two new aeration blowers in the blower room wired with speed control based on the Dissolved Oxygen (DO) signal and miscellaneous equipment upgrades.

A review of the proposed action by the DEP has indicated that it meets the criteria for a Categorical Exclusion. Specifically, the proposed action is directed solely toward the functional replacement of equipment at the existing facilities. This exclusion may be revoked at any time if any of the criteria used for its issuance are violated.

Further records in regard to the project are on file and are available for public review at the Freeport Sewer District Office, Freeport, Maine and the offices of the Department of Environmental Protection, 17 State House Station, Augusta, Maine. Comments relative to this decision may be submitted to the town or DEP within fifteen days.

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& FINDINGS OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (9/29/09)

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