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

City of Oregon
WWTP Secondary Treatment Improvements, Phase 1
WPCLF Loan Number CS390721-0014

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that Ohio EPA has reviewed the above-referenced project and finds that neither an Environmental Assessment (EA) nor a Supplemental Study (SS) is required to complete the environmental review of the project. Instead, this project meets the criteria for a Limited Environmental Review (LER). These criteria are summarized below in this document and in the attached LER.

In accordance with the City of Oregon's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit (2PD00035*MD), the City is required to increase the secondary treatment capacity of the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) in an effort to eliminate secondary treatment bypass and sanitary sewer collection system overflows during wet-weather events. In accordance with the NPDES Compliance Schedule, the project will be constructed in two phases over the next five years. Phase 1, to which this LER applies, involves the replacement of two influent screens, two blowers, air lines, and air diffusers, as well as improvements to the raw wastewater pumping, including the addition of a sixth pump. Upgrades to the wastewater monitoring system software will also be made during this phase.

The LER was completed for this project as it will not individually, cumulatively over time, or in conjunction with other Federal, State, local, or private actions have a significant adverse effect on the quality of the human environment. Consequently, a Finding of No Significant Impact can be issued now for this project.

The Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) 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 facilities planning 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 constitutes an action in a sewerred community which is for minor upgrading of existing

treatment works through the construction of odor control 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;
- 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.

A map depicting the location of the project is included as part of the LER. The LER presents 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