

Philip, South Dakota
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECTS AT PHILIP, SOUTH DAKOTA

The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has conducted a review of a proposal from the City of Philip, South Dakota, that involves sanitary sewer and storm drainage improvements on the southwest side of the city.

The storm drainage improvements include replacing concrete curb and gutter, concrete valley gutter, and reinforced concrete pipe. The wastewater system improvements include replacement of sanitary sewer lines, manholes, and necessary appurtenances. The city of Philip was awarded two Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans to fund this project.

The Clean Water SRF loan awarded for the storm drainage project (2.5 percent - 30 years) is in the amount of \$536,000. Philip has pledged sales tax revenue to repay the loan.

The Clean Water SRF loan awarded for the wastewater system improvements project (2.5 percent - 30 years) is in the amount of \$605,000. Current residential wastewater rates are \$30.00 per month based on 5,000 gallon usage. Philip has pledged a project surcharge to repay the loan for the wastewater portion of the project. This surcharge will be \$5.80 per user per month.

Listed below are the reasons for granting a categorical exclusion:

1. The project involves replacement of sanitary and storm sewer collection lines within the developed portion of the community.
2. No comments requiring mitigative action were received from the South Dakota Historical Society, South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks, United States Department of Interior, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Natural Resource Conservation Service, or through the public participation process

The proposed action does not involve any serious local objections nor does it meet any of the criteria for not granting a categorical exclusion as specified in [Section 6.505(c) (i) through (iii) of 40 CFR Part 6, Subpart E].

The planning area is located on the southwest side of the city of Philip. The Southwest Philip Sanitary Sewer and Storm Drainage Project will not affect any historical or archaeological resources and should have no adverse effects on plant life or wildlife. No other environmentally sensitive issues have been identified in the planning of this project. Minor noise, air pollution, and soil erosion problems will occur during construction, but these will be only temporary in nature.

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Comments supporting or disagreeing with this decision may be submitted for consideration by DENR after publication of the Categorical Exclusion Determination. After evaluating the comments received, DENR will make a final decision.



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