

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW RECORD

Documentation of a Categorical Exclusion for Projects/Activities Found at 24 C.F.R. Part 58.35(b), Which Are Not Subject to the Federal Laws and Authorities Found at 24 C.F.R. Part 58.5, But Which Are Subject to the Other Requirements Found at 24 C.F.R. Part 58.6

1 Project/Activity Information:

Project Name and Description:

City of Minot Community Development and Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR): Control Lift Station

In June 2011, the City of Minot suffered substantial damage due to floodwaters from the Mouse River (Souris River). The Control Lift Station, located at 1002 31st Street SE, is an integral component of the City's wastewater infrastructure. The station requires repairs and equipment upgrades to ensure reliability of sewer service to the City and to support the re-housing of displaced families.

The Control Lift Station conveys wastewater to the Master Lift Station. The firm capacity of the station, at 5,800 gallons per minute, is currently adequate to convey peak flows. However, it experiences excessive on/off cycling of pumping to the Master Lift Station. The proposed project would include adding a variable frequency drive and associated control/instrumentation to eliminate this cycling, thus reducing wear and tear on the equipment. It would also include replacement of the aging electrical switchgear.

The total project cost is \$495,000.00, with \$247,500.00 to be funded using CDBG-DR funds.

HUD Program and Loan or Grant Number:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery; B-12-MT-38-0001

(Use the questions below to classify the proposed project/activity in compliance with HUD regulations found at 24 C.F.R. Part 58.35(b).)

*(Compliance with 24 C.F.R. Part 58.6 (special flood hazards, coastal barriers resources, and airport/airfield clear zone hazards) is required for certain §58.35(b) activities. **Complete Part 3, below, only for §58.35(b)(5) activities.**)*

2 Classification of Project/Activity:

- 24 CFR Part 58.35(b)(1): Tenant-based rental assistance
- 24 CFR Part 58.35(b)(2): Supportive services including, but not limited to:
- Health care
 - Housing services
 - Permanent housing placement
 - Day care

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- Nutritional services
 - Short-term payments for rent/mortgage/utility costs
 - Assistance in gaining access to local, State, and federal government benefits and services
- 24 CFR Part 58.35(b)(3): Operating costs, including:
- Maintenance
 - Security
 - Operation
 - Utilities
 - Furnishings
 - Equipment
 - Supplies
 - Staff training and recruitment
 - Other incidental costs
- 24 CFR Part 58.35(b)(4): Economic development activities including but not limited to:
- Equipment purchase
 - Inventory financing
 - Interest subsidy
 - Operating expenses
 - Similar costs not associated with construction or expansion of existing operations
- * 24 CFR Part 58.35(b)(5): Activities to assist homebuyers to purchase existing dwelling units or dwelling units under construction, including:
- Closing costs
 - Down payment assistance
 - Interest buydowns
 - Similar activities that result in the transfer of title
- (*Also complete Section 3 – Other requirements, below.)**
- 24 CFR Part 58.35(b)(6): Affordable housing pre-development costs including:
- Legal costs related to obtaining site options, project financing, administrative costs and fees for loan commitments, zoning approvals, and other related activities which do not have a physical impact
 - Consulting costs related to obtaining site options, project financing, administrative costs and fees for loan commitments, zoning approvals, and other related activities which do not have a physical impact
 - Developer costs related to obtaining site options, project financing, administrative costs and fees for loan commitments, zoning approvals, and other related activities which do not have a physical impact
 - Other costs related to obtaining site options, project financing, administrative costs and fees for loan commitments, zoning approvals, and other related activities which do not have a physical impact
- 24 CFR Part 58.35(b)(7): Approval of supplemental assistance (including insurance or guarantee) to a project previously approved under 24 CFR Part 58 if the approval is made by the same responsible entity that conducted the environmental review on the original project and re-evaluation of the environmental findings is not required under

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24 CFR Part 58.47. Based on the environmental review record (ERR) for earlier HUD project, _____, HUD loan or grant number, _____, and ERR dated _____.

**3 *Regulatory Checklist (ref.: 24 C.F.R. Part 58.6 – Other requirements):
(*Complete only for §58.35(b)(5) activities)**

_____ **24 C.F.R. Part 58.6(a): Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended:**

(NOTE: Applicable only when project/activity site is located in a community participating in the National Flood Insurance Program, administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.)

Is the project/activity located within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) as mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)?

_____ Yes _____ No

FEMA Map Number:

If the answer to this question is yes, the project/activity cannot proceed unless flood insurance is obtained through the National Flood Insurance Program.

Insurance Policy Number: _____

_____ **24 C.F.R. Part 58.6(b): National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994, Section 582, (42 U.S.C. 5154a):**

(NOTE: Applicable only when the project site is located in an area where HUD disaster assistance is being made available.)

Is the project located within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) as mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)?

_____ Yes _____ No

FEMA Map Number:

If "Yes", would the HUD disaster assistance be made to a person who had previously received Federal flood disaster assistance conditioned on obtaining and maintaining flood insurance and that person failed to obtain and maintain the flood insurance?

_____ Yes _____ No

If "Yes", the HUD disaster assistance cannot be made to that person in the Special Flood Hazard Area to make a payment (including any loan assistance payment) for repair, replacement, or restoration for flood damage to any personal, residential, or commercial property.

Insurance Policy Number: _____

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N/A **24 C.F.R. Part 58.6(c): Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990, as amended:**

(NOTE: Not applicable in the HUD Region VIII area. There are no coastal barriers identified in HUD Region VIII and in HUD Office of Native Americans, Northern Plains, States of CO, MT, NE, ND, SD, UT, and WY.)

24 C.F.R. Part 58.6(d): Civilian Airport Runway Clear Zone and/or Military Airport Clear Zone:

(NOTE: Applicable only if the project/activity involves HUD assistance, subsidy, or insurance for the purchase or sale of an existing property in a Runway Clear Zone or Clear Zone pursuant to 24 CFR Part 51, Subpart D.)

Does the project involve HUD assistance, subsidy, or insurance for the purchase or sale of an existing property in a Runway Clear Zone or Clear Zone pursuant to 24 CFR Part 51, Subpart D?

Yes No

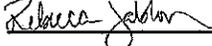
Source documentation:

If yes, the responsible entity must advise the buyer that the property is in a runway clear zone or clear zone, what the implications of such a location are, and that there is a possibility that the property may, at a later date, be acquired by the airport operator. The buyer must sign a statement acknowledging receipt of this information. For the appropriate content, go to: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/environment/review/qa/airporthazards.pdf>.

Environmental Review Preparer's Information:

Environmental Preparer's name, title, and organization (printed or typed):

Rebecca Jablon, AICP, LEED AP, Environmental Planner, CDM Smith

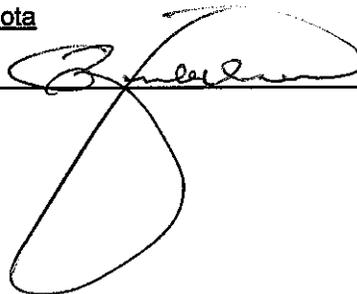
Environmental Preparer's signature: 

Date: August 8, 2012

Responsible Entity, Representative's Information/Certification:

Responsible Entity, Representative's name, title, and organization (printed or typed):

Curt Zimbelman, Mayor, City of Minot, North Dakota

Responsible Entity, Representative's signature: 

Date: 8.14.2012

Memorandum

To: Project File

From: Rebecca Jablon

Date: August 7, 2012

Subject: City of Minot Community Development and Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR): Control Lift Station
Level of Environmental Review

A discussion was held with David W. Rigiroszi, Field Environmental Officer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Region VIII Office on August 7, 2012 at 4:16 pm EST.

I explained the proposed project as involving the addition of a variable frequency drive and associated control/instrumentation so as to eliminate excessive on/off cycling of pumping to the main lift station. The proposed project would serve to reduce the wear and tear on the equipment of the Control Lift Station. In addition, the proposed project would involve replacing the station's aging electrical switchgear.

Mr. Rigiroszi confirmed that the proposed project as described would be classified as Categorically Excluded, Not Subject to 24 CFR Part 58.5.

