



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF WATER

WIFIA PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ADEQUACY MEMORANDUM

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 Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) Program Credit Assistance to Portland Water Bureau's Bull Run Treatment Program, Portland, Oregon**

EPA developed a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) to analyze the potential environmental impacts related to the issuance of credit assistance under the WIFIA program. The proposed federal action under consideration in the PEA was the approval or denial of WIFIA applications by either providing or not providing WIFIA credit assistance. The PEA evaluated the effects of design, construction, operation, and maintenance for a range of types of water and wastewater infrastructure projects that are eligible for WIFIA credit assistance. EPA has determined that the above referenced project falls under one of the project types assessed in the PEA.

The prospective borrower has completed the WIFIA Programmatic Environmental Assessment's (PEA) Environmental Questionnaire and provided supplemental information to the WIFIA program about the project and its potential environmental effects. In carrying out its responsibilities under NEPA, EPA has taken the following actions:

- Reviewed the PEA Environmental Questionnaire and supplemental information submitted by the prospective borrower or directly obtained by EPA;
- Determined the adequacy of the information available for completing the environmental review under NEPA and cross-cutting authorities;
- Assessed site-specific environmental impacts of the above referenced WIFIA project;
- Determined that the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts are within the scope or context of the PEA.

EPA has determined that no significant environmental impacts are anticipated from the issuance of WIFIA credit assistance to the applicant, 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. Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the WIFIA PEA and associated finding of no significant impact (FONSI), and that the documentation fully covers the proposed action, and constitutes EPA's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.

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Joranne Jernberg, Director  
WIFIA Program  
Office of Wastewater Management

09/30/2020

Date

Enclosures

Completed PEA Environmental Questionnaire (and supporting documentation)  
Completed Applicant Verification Memorandum (and supporting documentation)