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OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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November 30, 2020

Chance Allison, City Manager
City of Shawnee
16 West 9th
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801

RE: Shawnee Municipal Authority (MA)
DWSRF Project Number: P40-1020504-03

Dear Mr. Allison:

The preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the above referenced project, along with a copy of the Environmental Assessment (EA) is enclosed. As provided for in the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund State Environmental Review Procedures, the Shawnee MA must ensure that there is publication in a local newspaper of community-wide circulation concerning the availability of the EA and preliminary FNSI for review by the public. This public comment period will end thirty days after the notice has been published.

Please complete the enclosed Notice of Availability and have it published within ten days of receipt. Please submit an Affidavit of Publication to the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) office.

The DEQ will notify you of any comments received regarding the preliminary FNSI. After the thirty-day comment period has expired, and any comments have been addressed, the DEQ will notify you of the environmental decision. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (405) 702-8144.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kristi Roy'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Copies: Jay Updike, P.E., Holloway, Updike and Bellen, Inc.
Vance Pennington, Regional Manager, ECLS, DEQ
Shalayne Sims, Environmental Specialist, ECLS, Tecumseh DEQ Office
Jerri Hargis, Projects and Operations Manager, Financial Assistance Division, OWRB





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PRELIMINARY FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

TO: ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS

As required by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Regulations governing the use of the State of Oklahoma Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), as authorized on January 28, 1997, an environmental review has been performed on the proposed action below:

**Shawnee Municipal Authority
Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma
DWSRF Project Number: P40-1020504-03
Estimated Project Cost: \$19,910,000.00**

The proposed project is Water Treatment Plant (WTP) improvements. All proposed improvements will be made within the boundary of the existing WTP property.

Current environmental conditions in the area show that air quality meets DEQ ambient standards. The existing use of the land will not be permanently changed as a result of the proposed project. There are some short term environmental impacts associated with this project, such as storm water runoff issues, solid waste generated by equipment, materials packaging being windblown, mud and debris tracked off-site by the contractor, dust, and noise. These short term impacts are negligible and can be mitigated through good construction practices.

There are no national or state parks, or wildlife conservation areas near the proposed project areas. Tourism is expected to be unaffected by this project. Pottawatomie County does not have any scenic rivers.

This project is not likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species. Prime farmland, forestland, rangeland, and wetlands will not be affected. No disproportionate impact to low income or minority communities is anticipated.

There are no known historic sites in the planning area. However, if historical artifacts are found during construction, construction will be stopped and the State Historical Preservation Officer will be contacted. Comments from reviewing federal and state agencies and other interested groups indicate that no long-term adverse impacts to environmental resources should result from this project.

Based on the environmental assessment, a preliminary decision has been made not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement. Documentation used in making this determination, including the environmental assessment, is available for public review upon request.

Comments regarding this decision may be submitted for consideration to:

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Sincerely,

Shellie R. Chard, Director
Water Quality Division