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City of Athens  
Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project  
WPCLF #CS390124-0007

The purpose of this notice is to seek public input and comments on the Ohio EPA's preliminary decision that a Supplemental Environmental Study is not required to implement the recommendations discussed in the attached Environmental Assessment of the City of Athens' Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project.

*How were environmental issues considered?*

The Water Pollution Control Loan Fund program requires the inclusion of environmental factors in the decision-making process. Ohio EPA has done this by incorporating a detailed analysis of the environmental effects of the proposed alternatives in its review and approval process. Environmental information was developed as part of the facilities plan, as well as through the facilities plan review process and during site inspections. The Agency's preliminary Environmental Assessment found that the project does not require the preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Study.

*Why is a Supplemental Environmental Study not required?*

Our environmental review concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the action. Any adverse impacts have either been eliminated by changes in the facilities plan or have been reduced by the implementation of the mitigative measures discussed in the attached assessment.

*How do I get more information?*

A map depicting the location of each project is included as part of the Environmental Assessment. The Environmental Assessment presents additional information on the project, alternatives that were considered, impacts of the action, and basis for our decision. Further information can be obtained by calling or writing the contact person named at the end of the Environmental Assessment.

*How do I submit comments?*

Any comments supporting or disagreeing with this preliminary decision should be submitted to me at the letterhead address. We will not take any action on this facilities plan for 30 calendar days from the date of this notice in order to receive and consider any comments.

*What happens next?*

In the absence of substantive comments during this period, our preliminary decision will become final. The City of Athens will then be eligible to receive loan assistance from this agency.

Please bring any information that you feel should be considered to our attention. We appreciate your interest in the environmental review process.

Sincerely,



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Division of Environmental & Financial Assistance

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Attachment