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Environmental Review for Activity/Project that is Categorically Excluded Subject to Section 58.5 Pursuant to 24 CFR 58.35(a)

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Categorically Excluded Subject to Section 58.5 environmental review.

Project Information

Project Name: Cameron Sewer Upgrades

Responsible Entity: Cameron Parish Police Jury (CPPJ)

Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity):

State/Local Identifier: B-21-DZ-22-0001/12LDRC7703

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Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity):

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Project Location: Community of Cameron (see Table 1 below)

Table 1: Proposed sewer lift-station work locations

Pump Number	991 Address	Address Coordinates	Sewer Lift Station Coordinates
1	107 Davis Rd	29.79538, -93.320612	29.7953306, -93.3206555
4	122 Rex St	29.796721, -93.325754	29.796738, -93.325746
5	153 Ratcliff St	29.780964, -93.306754	29.780964, -93.306754
6	212 Beach Rd	29.780964, -93.306754	29.7815472, -93.302052777
7	948 Marshall St	29.780964, -93.306754	29.7861917, -93.293530555
8	110 Maude St	29.780964, -93.306754	29.788575, -93.301911111
9	725 Marshall St	29.780964, -93.306754	29.7911583, -93.3070638888
10	107 Macarthur St	29.780964, -93.306754	29.795913, -93.317024
13	1172 Marshall St	29.780964, -93.306754	29.7852556, -93.2803111111
15	296 Ridgecrest Rd	29.7883, -93.25627	29.7883, -93.25627
16	1574 Marshall St	29.787858, -93.247732	29.787858, -93.247732

Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.21 & 58.32]: Proposed project is rehabilitation of existing sewer flowline system by exchanging existing sewer lift stations pumps within system from corrosive metals to non-corrosive stainless steel component and installing submersible pumping units that are not pre-existing submersed pump at the respective lift-stations. Proposed work does not change size, function, capacity or expand the existing footprints of the existing sewer lift-stations or sewer flowline system. Additionally, electrical control boxes will be elevated to comply with local floodplain ordinances for the lift-stations included under this proposed project.

Work proposed includes portions of an existing infrastructure for a public sewer utility system consisting of over 7.5 linear miles of sewer flowlines having various operating components supporting the function of the entire sewer flowline system and managed by Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District 1. Proposed work to sewer system flowlines is consisting of improving eleven (11) of nineteen (19) total sewer lift-stations pumps within the existing public sewer flowline system, exclusive of individual manholes, connected pipes, valves, and other components between the total 19 lift-stations that support and connect system flowlines to the reach the final point of discharge into sewage treatment ponds. Work proposes to remediate lift-stations by upgrading existing sewer lift-station pumps at eleven (11) sewer lift-stations within the sewer flowlines with the goal to remediate future disruption of sewer utility line services having the potential to cause sewer flowline disruptions and breaches in flowlines resulting from salt-water intrusion corrosive effects caused by storm-surge events.

Level of Environmental Review Determination:

An evaluation of proposed work considered footprints for each proposed upgrade location that consist of replacing existing lift-station pumps within existing concrete-lined sewer lift-station sump-basins and confined within existing fenced concrete areas along existing public rights-of-way for an existing connected sewer flowline system. No change in size, capacity, or function of

sewer system flowlines, individual sewer lift-station pumping units, individual sewer lift-station sump basins, or rights-of-way are proposed for this action.

Changes to existing infrastructure proposed the following: 1) existing metal components of sewer lift-station pumps are proposed to be changed from corrosive to non-corrosive metals via a newly installed sewer lift-station pump units with new pump components comprised of stainless-steel resistant to salt-water corrosion and meeting the same size and capacity of pre-existing pump components located within the existing concrete lined sump basin; 2) existing above-ground pumps proposed for upgrades have existing sump basins and will become submersible pumps as applicable for existing above-ground pumps and meet same specifications and designs identified under referenced number 1 changes proposed above; 3) electrical boxes at proposed locations will be elevated on existing electrical line-posts within existing fenced concrete lift-station locations from 3 feet to above 6 feet or as applicable for compliance with local floodplain ordinance for respective areas of lift-stations; 4) no change for electrical amperage draw was proposed; 5) no change in pump capacity size or related plumbing pipe sizes were proposed; 6) no change in lift-station function was proposed; 7) work area footprints are proposed to be within the existing confines of concrete fenced areas within existing concrete-lined sump basin box that is contained within the currently used rights-of-way areas designated for maintenance, repairs, and operations of respective lift-station locations within sewer flowline system.

Categorically Excluded per 24 CFR §§ 58.35(a), and subject to laws and authorities at §§58.5 were considered as applicable to geographical area and type of work as follows: § 58.5(a), Historic Properties; § 58.5(b) Floodplain management and wetland protection; § 58.5(c) Coastal Zone Management; § 58.5(d) Sole source aquifers; § 58.5(e) Endangered species; and, § 58.5(j) Environmental Justice. There are no designated *wild and scenic rivers* [§ 58.5(f)] within the area, the area is not a non-attainable zone for the Clean Air Act [§ 58.5(g)], and no land is proposed for land conversion as defined under Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) [§ 58.5(h)]. Consultation with regulatory agencies and stakeholders on the proposed work determined that proposed work has no significant impacts on protected resources. Review of system's service-line footprint determined that project does not discriminate populations being served by this public utility sewer system throughout the area.

Pursuant to 24 CFR §§ 58.5, consultation was conducted with regulatory agencies and stakeholders to consider potential *Extraordinary Circumstances*. Consultation resulted in no objections or concerns with exception of Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) concern stipulating necessary reports to DEQ of hazardous spills are required should sewer contaminant breach the confined system areas during necessary vacuum truck pumping being proposed to clear contaminants from sump basin areas during rehabilitation/replacement work. Additionally, standard mitigation measures for inadvertent discoveries of human remains are stipulated for compliance with the Louisiana Unmarked Human Burial Sites Preservation Act.

Pursuant to 24 CFR § 58.35(a)(1), the work proposes to improve, reconstruct, and rehabilitate sewer utility system line services without change in size or capacity of more than 20 percent of the existing system line infrastructure. Pursuant to 24 CFR § 58.35(a)(B), the proposed work does not involve expansion of land use or functional use of lands. There are no new ground-disturbance activities proposed, and all work is contained within existing infrastructure system

rights-of-way. Pursuant to 24 CFR § 58.35(a)(C), estimated costs for proposed upgrades is considered less than 75 percent of an undetermined total estimated costs for replacing the entire sewer system that is supported by the eleven (11) lift-station pump components and their respective electrical boxes being elevated. Total rehabilitation of entire sewer system's costs versus proposed project's costs is not feasible to determine due to project budget constraints. Therefore, total percentage of proposed work area footprints to total area for the entire measurable infrastructure footprint is provided to support that this proposed project is categorically excluded from the need to conduct an environmental assessment (EA) for determining a no findings of significant impact (FONSI).

Proposed work in total is supportive of the complete operational function of an existing 7.5 linear miles of public utility sewer line system footprint. Sewer flowline systems have various components, inclusive of buried pipes, valves, pumps, lift-stations, and electrical components that are aggregate and connected components dependent upon each existing component within system flowlines as one functional unit to reach intended goals of system lines. Sewer flowline system's intended purpose is for carrying contaminants from intake of individual sewer point discharge locations into public sewer flowlines across the entire system lines to a designated discharge location for treatment. Usually, the discharge point for treatment is identified as a wastewater treatment pond. There is no proposed change to the discharge point or treatment ponds included under this action. The total public sewer flowline system encompasses approximately 7.5 linear miles.

Each lift-station location where work is proposed is contained within pre-existing concrete maintenance and service area that are approximately 6 feet by 6 feet. The lift-pump within the lift-station footprint makes up approximately ten percent (10%) of the total individual lift-station infrastructure footprint. Each lift-station runs independent from other lift station units, but the entire sewer flowline system depends on each lift station to move sewer sludge from one elevation grade of pipe segments to the next elevation grade of pipe segment within the system flowlines to reach the discharge point of sludge at the existing wastewater treatment pond. Work proposed at the eleven (11) lift-stations in total is considered to be approximately fifty-seven and an eighth of a percent (57.8%) of all nineteen (19) lift-stations within the sewer system utility infrastructure. Based on these factors, proposed work is five and seventy-eighth of a percent (5.78%) of the total nineteen (19) lift-station infrastructure footprints within the flowlines of the sewer system.

Consideration for the entire flowline sewer systems, proposed work would equate to less than one percent (1%) of the total linear miles of the functioning operation for the entire existing sewer flowline system footprint. Therefore, Cameron Parish Water & Wastewater District 1's sewer flowline system was considered for individual lift-station components and in aggregate of entire functioning sewer flowline system for proposed activity and found eligible for a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) categorical exclusion (CE) determination for not needing an EA conducted to determine a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) in compliance with Title 24 CFR § 58.35(a)(1).

Pursuant to 24 CFR §§ 58.35, proposed work is defined as a category of activities for which no environmental impact statement (EIS) or environmental assessment (EA) and finding of no

significant impact (FONSI) under NEPA is required when consideration for *Extraordinary Circumstance* as defined under 58.2(a)(3) are resolved. The type of activity as defined under proposed work does not set a precedence for federal funding. Other Federal agencies have considered this type of proposed work and adopted CEs from the need to implement a NEPA EA process to determine if work has a potential for a significant impact to the environment. According to the Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) published compiled lists of Federal agencies' CEs: HUD adopted CEs "58.35(a)(1)" for improvements, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of public facilities (other than buildings) when facility/improvements are in place and will retain the same use without change in size, capacity or function of more than 20 percent (inclusive of sewer lines); U.S. Department of Homeland Securities adopted CE "E2(e)" – construction or improvement that will not result in uses that exceed existing support infrastructure capacities (sewer-lines included); The Department of Treasury adopted CE "E2(e)" – construction or improvement will not result in uses that exceed existing support infrastructure capacities (sewer-lines included); U.S. Department of Environmental Protection Agency adopted CE "6.204(a)(iii) – action involving replacement of existing onsite systems, providing the new onsite systems do not result in substantial increases in the volume of discharge or the loadings of pollutants from existing sources, or relocate existing discharge (sewer-lines included). HUD CE 58.35(a)(1) is found applicable to this proposed project action. Proposed work as defined is also considered to be within the restrictive confines of other federally adopted NEPA CEs.

The HUD funding under this grant is in the form of a formula grant to State (Louisiana OCD) and proposed action is not construction of a standing structure. Therefore, pursuant to 24 CFR 55.5(a)(1), Flood Insurance is not applicable to this project. Cameron, Louisiana, is situated within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) with Limit of Moderate Wave Action (LiMWA) – Coastal "A" Zone. An Early Public Notice for the proposed action was posted on July 1, 2025, for a 15-day public comment period with no public comments received for proposed activities on improving sewer-line infrastructure. Proposed activities are functionally dependent use within an existing sewer flowline system. Pursuant to 24 CFR 55.13(f) and 24 CFR 55.14(d), Federal Flood Risk Management and Protection of Wetlands Decision-making Processes is not applicable to proposed activities due to proposed action footprint is consisting of less than one percent (1%) of the entire existing sewer flowline system footprint and less than six percent (6%) of all lift-station footprints within sewer flowline system. Proposed work is identified as not a substantial improvement to the existing sewer flowline systems as defined under 24 CFR 55.2(b)(12)(B). Publication of HUD Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funding will be published to serve as dull notice to include the second public notice for public comment on proposed activity within SFHA LiMWA and demonstrating that work is within existing developed areas with no change in land use.

Evaluating proposed work footprints to consider potential concerns for *Extraordinary Circumstances*, the proposed project work was determined to have no significant impacts on the natural or human environment. Consultation with respective stakeholders resulted in concurrence and no objection with these findings from regulatory agencies and stakeholders. No NEPA EA is required for determining a NEPA FONSI and this CE does not establish precedence in application of HUD CEs.

Funding Information

Grant Number	HUD Program	Funding Amount
B-21-DZ-22-0001	CDBG-DR	\$993,784.00

Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount: \$993,784.00

Estimated Total Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD funds) [24 CFR 58.32(d)]: \$993,784.00

Compliance with 24 CFR 50.4, 58.5, and 58.6 Laws and Authorities

Record below the compliance or conformance determinations for each statute, executive order, or regulation. Provide credible, traceable, and supportive source documentation for each authority. Where applicable, complete the necessary reviews or consultations and obtain or note applicable permits of approvals. Clearly note citations, dates/names/titles of contacts, and page references. Attach additional documentation as appropriate.

Compliance Factors: Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §58.5 and §58.6	Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?	Compliance determinations
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 & 58.6		
Airport Hazards 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There are no civilian airports or military airfields within Cameron Parish. The nearest civilian airport is within Calcasieu Parish 25 miles north. The nearest military airfield is over 180 miles north of the project area.
Coastal Barrier Resources Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501]	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No work is proposed within the boundaries of a designated CBRS unit.
Flood Insurance Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proposed infrastructure is a non-insurable improvement (not a walled standing structure), exempt pursuant to 24 CFR 55.5(a)(1).

STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 & 58.5		
Clean Air Clean Air Act, as amended, particularly section 176(c) & (d); 40 CFR Parts 6, 51, 93	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cameron Parish is within an attainable CAA zone.
Coastal Zone Management Coastal Zone Management Act, sections 307(c) & (d)	Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Coastal Use Permit final determination for exempted work under P20250308 determine proposed activity is not of State concern. Local CZMA & FPA had no concerns.
Contamination and Toxic Substances 24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)	Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	There are no known contamination or toxic substances outside of the contained sewer system that pose concerns. LDEQ required inadvertent leakage from vacuum truck be reported as hazardous spill.
Endangered Species Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No objections or concerns from USFWS & LWFS. No impacts to EFH or Marine Mammals associated with work.
Explosive and Flammable Hazards 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There are no known associated hazards within the proximity of proposed work.
Farmlands Protection Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981, particularly sections 1504(b) and 1541; 7 CFR Part 658	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No land conversion proposed under this project.
Floodplain Management Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Work does not trigger floodplain management concerns. However, work proposes to incorporate compliance concerns for resiliency mitigation in collaboration with Local Floodplain Administrator (LFPA) (electrical box elevations). LFPA reviewed project and had no concerns.
Historic Preservation National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SHPO concurred with no impact determination. Inadvertent discoveries of human remains are standard mitigation measures requiring work stop if human remains are inadvertently discovered and

		local law enforcement be contacted immediately to investigate as crime scene.
Noise Abatement and Control Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Work is located in commercial and remote zones outside of residential areas. Submersed pumps will lessen noise from pre-existing pumps. Proposed project abates current noise and poses no concern.
Sole Source Aquifers Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, particularly section 1424€; 40 CFR Part 149	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No impacts to Sole Source Aquifers. All work is contained within existing concrete-lined sump basin system units.
Wetlands Protection Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joint Permit application resulted in USACE determining work is exempt from permit. No concerns for this work were expressed.
Wild and Scenic Rivers Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, particularly section 7(b) and (c)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There are no wild and scenic rivers within the proximity of work locations and no potential waterway impacts are anticipated.

Field Inspection (Date and completed by): Desktop reviews – April 30th to October 20th, 2025 by Ellen Ibert, Patrick Williams, and Beau Tate, Royal Engineers and Consultants.

Summary of Findings and Conclusions: No impacts from work confined within existing concrete-lined sump basins and existing rights-of-way with no proposed expansion of infrastructure or land use in size, function, or capacity. Work is less than 1% of entire areas of total linear miles of sewer flowline system, less than 6% of the total 19 lift-station footprints, and less than 10% of the individual sewer lift-station footprint component existing within the entire sewer flowline system.

Mitigation Measures and Conditions

Summarize below all mitigation measures adopted by the Responsible Entity to reduce, avoid, or eliminate adverse environmental impacts and to avoid non-compliance or non-conformance with the above-listed authorities and factors. These measures/conditions must be incorporated into project contracts, development agreements, and other relevant documents. The staff responsible for implementing and monitoring mitigation measures should be clearly identified in the mitigation plan.

Law, Authority, or Factor	Mitigation Measure
RCRA- Contamination and Toxic Substances & LAC Title 33, Chapter 13, Sections 1303 & 1305	SPOC – Immediate reporting of accidental leakage/spills being handle appropriately by sewer

	treatment plant & LDEQ via SPOC@la.gov or (225)219-3640.
Louisiana Unmarked Human Burial Sites Preservation Act	No new ground disturbance. Inadvertent discoveries of human remains will require a stop work order, securing work area, and contacting Law enforcement immediately for crime scene investigation of discovered of human remains.
Cameron Parish Code of Ordinances	Local Parish permit and planning compliance, inclusive of Chapter 5.5, Coastal Zone Management & Chapter 7, Flood Damage Prevention
Coastal Zone Management	As-built drawing w/plats shall have written on them date of completions & submitted to LDEC in Baton Rouge, all structures built shall be removed 120 days of abandonment of facility, La. One Call System shall be implemented within 48 hours prior to commencing work.
Endangered Species Act of 1973	Not subject to impact within confined areas, but consult with USFWS & LWFS is required should the presence of threaten and endangered species be found within 500 feet of work locations.
	Compliance with all local, state, and Federal laws applicable to this work are required.

Determination:

- This categorically excluded activity/project converts to Exempt, per 58.34(a)(12) because there are no circumstances which require compliance with any of the federal laws and authorities cited at §58.5. **Funds may be committed and drawn down after certification of this part** for this (now) EXEMPT project; OR
- This categorically excluded activity/project cannot convert to Exempt because there are circumstances which require compliance with one or more federal laws and authorities cited at §58.5. Complete consultation/mitigation protocol requirements, **publish NOI/RROF and obtain “Authority to Use Grant Funds”** (HUD 7015.16) per Section 58.70 and 58.71 before committing or drawing down any funds; OR
- This project is now subject to a full Environmental Assessment according to Part 58 Subpart E due to extraordinary circumstances (Section 58.35(c)).

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Responsible Entity Agency Official Signature: Katie Armentor Date: 12/17/2025

Name/Title: Katie Armentor / Parish Administrator

This original, signed document and related supporting material must be retained on file by the Responsible Entity in an Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the activity/project (ref: 24 CFR Part 58.38) and in accordance with recordkeeping requirements for the HUD program(s).