



Public Notice Announcing the Availability of an Environmental Assessment

US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Rural Utility Service (RUS)

Echo Wastewater Improvement Project, Oregon: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Utility Services, USDA

ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the RUS, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, is issuing an Environmental Assessment (EA) in connection with possible impacts related to a project proposed by the City of Echo, Oregon (Applicant). The City is proposing the following: Up-grade the lift station pumps to increase the pumping flow rate from 240 gallons per minute (gpm) to 400 gpm. This pumping rate will provide the necessary velocity for the pressure line and will also provide the necessary capacity for the projected design population, Replace the existing standby generator and automatic transfer switch and adjust the position of the float switches to reduce influent backing up into the collection system, replace the old control system, Install a magnetic flowmeter for recording pump flow rates, Install an autodialer for alarm transmission and Pressure Sewer Line Improvements. Furthermore, Access road improvements, Installation of four (4) additional cleanouts, Pressure line extending from the lift station to the wastewater treatment lagoons.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Beyer, State Environmental Coordinator at (503) 414-3368, 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Suite 1801, Portland, Oregon 97204 michael.beyer@or.usda.gov

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

The analyses in the EA documented that the proposed project would have no adverse impacts to the human environment.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Due to project coordination with the NHPA, Section 106, the city of Echo will generate a robust Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP) of the project's Area of Potential Effects (APE) based on the City's proposed Wastewater System Improvement Project. Any environmental mitigation measures generated from the review of the Environmental Assessment, the agency deems appropriate, may be implemented into the project's environmental mitigation measures, contract documents and other financial instruments which offer RUS's commitment for this project.

Anderson Perry Associates Inc., engineer / environmental consultant, prepared an Environmental Assessment for the city of Echo that describes the project, assesses the proposed project's environmental impacts, and summarizes, as applicable, any mitigation measures used to minimize environmental effects. RUS has conducted an independent evaluation of the Environmental Assessment and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project.

No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

Questions and comments should be sent to RUS at the address provided. RUS will accept questions and comments on the environmental assessment for **14** days from the date of publication of this notice.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal Environmental Laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by 7 CFR Part 1970, Environmental Policies and Procedures. A general location map of the proposal is shown below.

Dated: September 4, 2019

Michael Beyer, State Environmental Coordinator