

Alabama Department of Environmental Management

P.O. Box 301463 (Zip 36130-1463) 1400 Coliseum Boulevard (Zip 36110-2400) Montgomery, Alabama (334) 271-7700 CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW ADEM Fund Code 203 SRF Project No. FS010445-02 DeKalb County The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has made \$4,078,896 in financial assistance available to the City of Fort Payne Water Works Board using funds from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) loan program. In accordance with State and Federal regulations that govern the program, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management has conducted a review to assess potential impacts upon the environment that may result from implementation of this project.

The purpose of this project is to address various critical infrastructure needs for the City of Fort Payne Water Works Board water system. The proposed project is to replace old cast iron water main piping that has lead joints and lead service connections with new ductile iron water line and new service material. This project will also upgrade these service connections with new AMR meters. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion (CE) from further environmental study under the guidelines specified by the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) which specifically include actions which are solely directed toward minor rehabilitation of existing facilities, functional replacement of equipment, or towards the construction of new ancillary facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities. However, this decision may be reconsidered if significant adverse information concerning the potential environmental impacts of the project is discovered. Comments relative to this project should be submitted in writing to Mr. Cade Runyan, E.I., SRF Section, Permits and Services Division, Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Post Office Box 301463, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1463, no later than 30 days after the date of this CE. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management will not take formal action to proceed with the project without carefully evaluating any public comments opposing the project. Notice is hereby given this 1 st day of October, 2025, by authorization of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. Edward Poulos Director

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