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LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AVAILABILITY NOTICE

The Ohio EPA, through the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) program, is considering funding a wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) improvements project in Geneva, Ohio, which is subject to environmental review requirements. This project is estimated currently to cost about \$1.075 million and expected to receive a 1% hardship interest rate WPCLF loan in December 2018.

Project Description: Within the City of Geneva's wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) site, the city proposes to convert the existing secondary sludge holding tank into a storage basin for belt filter press liquids and raw sludge; install new aeration and mixing equipment; build a new covered sludge holding tank in the vicinity of an abandoned sludge drying bed; and connect related gravity yard piping and a manhole, appurtenances (pumps and valves), and electrical lines and equipment needed to make the new improvements functional. Alternatively, the repurposed tank can be used to hold waste activated sludge if the new anaerobic digester ever needs to be taken out of service for repair and maintenance, and provide for some flow equalization as needed. The project's main purpose is to help eliminate the salmonella contamination problem in the existing secondary sludge holding tank.

All the proposed WWTP improvements will be made within prior disturbed areas where the main vegetation is grass and previous WWTP equipment was in use.

By completing this proposed project, Geneva expects to have a more reliable means of handling its secondary sludge at its WWTP. In turn, this should also help reduce, if not eliminate, the salmonella problems at the city's WWTP and enable it to produce a Class A (exceptional quality) sludge. Restoring the project area to its existing (or better) condition is an additional component of this proposed project.

As Ohio EPA has issued a Limited Environmental Review (LER) document and an accompanying Final Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) on this project, this notice is to advise the public that it will have through November 2018 in which to access the LER. This public information period will begin with the release of the LER to the public at the city's offices, Ohio EPA's web site, and distribution of the document to interested parties. With this release, the LER document may be viewed at either: the city's offices located at 44 North Forest Street, Geneva, Ohio 44041; the city's website; or at Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA) website at:

<http://www.epa.ohio.gov/defa/ofa.aspx>

Once there, please scroll down to the "Documents Available for Review and Comment" heading at the bottom of the linked page. Then, please click on the WPCLF Documents for Review and Comment heading to see a list of documents available for downloading. A copy of the referenced LER will be posted there.

On the other hand, if you would like to receive either an electronic copy via email, or a paper copy of the document via U.S. mail, please contact Kevin Hinkle of Ohio EPA at either: kevin.hinkle@epa.ohio.gov or (614) 644-3712.