



## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6

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### CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

#### TO ALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS:

In accordance with the environmental review regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1500, and the implementing environmental review procedures at 40 CFR Part 6 entitled "Procedures for Implementing the Requirements of the Council on Environmental Quality on the National Environmental Policy Act", the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that the following action is eligible for a Categorical Exclusion (CE) and is exempt from further environmental review.

Drinking Water Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project  
Proposed by the City of Petersburg  
Located in Hale County, Texas

Estimated EPA Share: \$ 425,000

Estimated Local Share: \$ 347,727

#### **BACKGROUND**

The City of Petersburg (City) is located in the Panhandle area of Texas approximately 25 miles northeast of Lubbock, and has an estimated population of about 1,300 residents. The City is less than one square mile in size, and provides drinking water and wastewater treatment services to the local citizens. The City is currently experiencing difficulty in providing adequate pressure to supply potable water for drinking and fire suppression. The 50,000 gallon elevated water storage and supply tower is located near City Hall and the Fire Department. The tower has deteriorated beyond the point of repair, and has been decommissioned.

The City has proposed the complete replacement of the drinking water line, and will rebuild the new tower to meet all applicable standards required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The City has hired a consulting engineering firm to provide engineering services for the construction of the new tower, which will be located in the exact location of the present structure. The situation has resulted in a public health hazard for the citizens living in the area, since the City is unable to provide the essential services of drinking water and fire protection to meet Safe Drinking Water Act standards.

The Fiscal Year 2010 Appropriations Act for the EPA included special Congressional funding for water and wastewater construction projects. The funding recipient was selected to receive funding support through these special appropriations for the construction and installation of a new drinking water tower. The funding recipient will utilize the special Congressional funding support in conjunction with local funds to finance the implementation of the proposed project.

