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DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District (USACE), has assessed the environmental impacts of the following project:

**CITY OF CANDO WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
TOWNER COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA**

The purpose of the proposed action is to update the water and sewer systems in the City of Cando. The project, to be undertaken by the City of Cando, includes rehabilitation of 5 blocks of vitrified clay (VCP) sewer mains by relining with cured-in-place-pipe (CIPP) and replacement of VCP with PVC pipe where needed, using open trench methods. The proposed project would also replace of 3 blocks of VCP sewer mains, install new gravity sewer mains connecting to a new lift station and a new sanitary sewer force main connecting the new lift station to the wastewater lagoons through open trench construction methods. The new gravity sewer mains would replace 1 block of existing cast iron pipe (CIP) water main. The new sanitary sewer force main, constructed from the new lift station south to the wastewater lagoons, will replace the existing VCP trunk gravity sewer pipe. Portions of the existing trunk VCP gravity sewer main will be rerouted and the old pipes abandoned in-place. The project will also replace gate valves, hydrants, water services and non-working curb stops, rehabilitate and replace manholes, restore pavement, conduct miscellaneous concrete repairs, and site restoration. The EA and its attachments are incorporated in this Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) by reference.

This FONSI is based on the following factors: the proposed project would have temporary minor adverse impacts to noise, air, wildlife, herbaceous vegetation, wetlands, and soils. Affected resources would be expected to recover from any adverse effects shortly after conclusion of the project. The project would have no effect on federally listed species and would have no effect to historic properties. Overall, the project would have a long-term beneficial effect to the residents of the City of Cando from increased dependability of the water and sewer systems.

Best management practices (BMPs) and other avoidance and minimization measures will be implemented during construction, as detailed in Section 3 of the EA and attachments. No compensatory mitigation is required as part of the project. As part of its notification to the City that environmental compliance is complete, USACE will require the measures included in the EA and attachments to be followed by the City and its contractors.

Public review of the draft EA and FONSI is currently in process. This section will be updated once the review period has ended, and comments have been addressed. All applicable

environmental laws have been considered and coordination with appropriate agencies and officials has been completed. Pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, USACE determined that the project will have no effect on federally listed species or their designated critical habitat. Pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, USACE determined that the project would have No Effect to Historic Properties and the North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office concurred with this determination on 22 March 2024. Pursuant to the Clean Water Act of 1972, as amended, the City of Cando will be required to obtain a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit as well as 401 water quality certification before construction begins. Open trench methods of construction will produce minor and temporary impacts to the wetland complex.

For the reasons above, the proposed action does not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

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