



REGION 3

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103

April 1, 2025

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites the public to comment on its preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Town of Ansted, West Virginia's Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade project. This FONSI is based on an Environmental Assessment conducted by the EPA. The project includes expanding the wastewater treatment plant capacity from 230,000 to 500,000 gallons per day, replacing failing electrical and mechanical equipment, and improving the wastewater treatment to meet National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit requirements. The project will be partially financed with the EPA funding appropriated by Congress under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, P.L. 117-328.

The EPA has prepared this FONSI as part of its independent environmental review of the project pursuant to Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the EPA's NEPA procedures under 40 C.F.R. Part 6.

- **Environmental Assessment:** The EPA assessed five (5) courses of action to evaluate the effects of project implementation on environmental resources: four (4) alternative actions and a no-action alternative. The Environmental Assessment did not identify significant effects to resources as a result of implementing the proposed action.
- **FONSI:** The EPA has concluded that the environmental impacts of the proposed wastewater treatment plant upgrades in the Town of Ansted are expected to be minimal, and as such, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

The EPA is holding a 30-day public comment period from April 1, 2025, through April 30, 2025. Comments should be submitted to the EPA on or prior to April 30, 2025 via email to R3CommunityProjects@epa.gov or in writing to:

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The EPA will consider all comments received prior to making a final determination. The preliminary FONSI will become final after the 30-day comment period expires if no new significant information is provided to alter this determination.

The preliminary FONSI, the Environmental Assessment, and other supporting documents are available on the EPA's NEPA Compliance Database website at <https://cdxapps.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-II/public/action/nepa/search>, and for public review at the EPA's office noted above and at the Town of Ansted's office located at 30 Rich Creek Road, Ansted, WV 25812.