

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Development

City of Highland: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service (RUS), USDA

ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that RUS, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, is issuing an environmental assessment (EA) in connection with possible impacts related to a project proposed by City of Highland, of Doniphan County, Kansas. The proposal will construct a new ion exchange water treatment plant and 2 cell non-discharging lagoon system. The City of Highland has submitted an application to RUS for funding of the proposal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Hines, Loan Specialist, RUS, 1303 SW First American Place #100, Topeka, KS, 66604, 785-271-2760 and sarah.hines2@usda.gov.

Midwest Assistance Program, an environmental consultant, prepared an environmental assessment for RUS that describes the project, assesses the proposed project's environmental impacts, and summarizes as applicable any mitigation measures used to minimize environmental effects. RUS has conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental assessment and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

Questions and comments should be sent to RUS at the address provided. RUS will accept questions and comments on the environmental assessment for 14 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by 7 CFR Part 1970, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

A general location map of the proposal is shown below.

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