## Public Notice: Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact – Southwest Licking Community Water and Sewer District 161 Water Tower Project

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Environmental Assessment Southwest Licking Project and Preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact for public review and comment for 30 calendar days before making the decision on whether, and if so how, to proceed with a proposed action. The EA evaluated the issuance of a Community Grant award to the Southwest Licking Community Water and Sewer District for the Water Tower Project. The project components would include construction of a composite-style water storage tank and bulk fill station. Congress appropriated \$2,134,300 earmarked for the Southwest Licking Community Water and Sewer District under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (P.L. 117 – 103) to Southwest Licking Community Water and Sewer District 161 Water Tower Project.

EPA considered two alternatives for the Proposed Project: the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative, which are analyzed in this EA pursuant to Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and EPA's NEPA procedures under 40 CFR part 6. The EA did not identify significant effects to resources as a result of implementing either the Proposed Action or the No Action Alternative. However, EPA will consider public and agency comments prior to making its decision regarding implementation of the proposed project. After evaluating any comments received, EPA will make a final decision. The preliminary decision and finding will become final after the 30-day comment period expires if no new significant information is provided to alter this finding.

The Draft EA is available for download from EPA's NEPA Compliance Database at <a href="https://cdxapps.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-II/public/action/nepa/details?nepald=444550">https://cdxapps.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-II/public/action/nepa/details?nepald=444550</a>

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