

# FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Onslow Water and Sewer Authority has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through the North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) as a sub-recipient.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives, and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

**Sub-Applicant:** Onslow Water and Sewer Authority

**Project Title:** Motor – Drive Replacement

**Location of Proposed Work:**

Facility and Address	Latitude	Longitude
Near: 189 Miles Field Rd. Richlands, NC 28574	34.87861	-77.53167

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:** This project is for repairs to Onslow Water and Sewer Authority which is located in an unshaded X Zone. Confirmation of location in an unshaded X Zone was determined by the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 3720444100J. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. The proposed work will be installed within the existing footprint. The proposed work will not take place near wetland classifications per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory. The actions will have little potential to impact or affect wetland values. As such, measures have been identified to protect these facilities against future flooding events, as well as minimize the short-term and long-term impacts on the floodplain.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

Onslow Water and Sewer Authority utilized contracts for the following repairs to the Northwest Regional Water Reclamation Facility: removed and replaced 31 motors and drives. All repairs restore the facility

back to its pre-disaster design, function, and capacity within the existing footprints. A goal of this project is to minimize the impact of floods on human health, safety, or welfare and increase the useful life of the structure or facility.

**Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1** (no action alternative): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on the Onslow water and sewer authority. The facility, functions as a critical facility for the County and is vital for the well-being of the surrounding community.

**Alternative #2:** Measures implemented were restoring the plant back to pre-disaster conditions as well as looking in to flood proofing the motors to prevent the same type of damages in the future.

**Comment Period:**

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to:

FEMA Internal 11988 Reviewer  
FEMA Region 4  
3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road  
Atlanta, Georgia, 30341

Alternatively, comments may be emailed to: [FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov). Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4393-NC-01507 11988 COMMENT].

All comments are due by no later than 15 days of the posted date of this notice.

**POSTED ON:** (*insert posted date*)

**End of Notice**