

*PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT FOR PROJECTS  
REQUIRING AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT*

*Based on 15-day public comment period and 15-day State objection period*

COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

July 14, 2016

Wise County Board of Supervisors

P.O. Box 570

Wise, VA 24293

276.328.2321

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 30, 2016, Wise County will submit a request to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the release of Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383), to undertake a project known as Lower Guest River Sewer Line Extension Phase 2: Eisenhower Rd Project, for the purpose of providing wastewater services to the Lower Guest River community outside of Norton City in Wise County.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Wise County Board of Supervisors has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Wise County Courthouse in the County Administrator's Office, located at 206 E. Main St., Suite 223 Wise, VA 24293 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., as well as on the County's website at [www.wisecounty.org](http://www.wisecounty.org).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Wise County Administrator's Office. All

comments received by July 29, 2016 will be considered by the Wise County Board of Supervisors prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

#### RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Wise County Board of Supervisors certifies to DHCD that Shannon Scott in his capacity as County Administrator consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. DHCD'S approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Wise County Board of Supervisors to use Program funds.

#### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DHCD will consider objections to its release of funds and the Wise County Board of Supervisors' certification received by August 15, 2016 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the Wise County Board of Supervisors approved by DHCD; (b) the Wise County Board of Supervisors has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DHCD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to DHCD at:

Director  
Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development  
Attn: Program Administration and Assistance Office  
Main Street Centre  
600 E. Main St., Suite 300  
Richmond, Virginia 23219-2430  
(804) 371-7061 [TTP 371-7089 / FAX 371-7093]

Potential objectors should contact DHCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Shannon Scott, County Administrator

THE COMBINED NOTICE (FONSI/NOI-RROF) MUST BE DISTRIBUTED TO:

Barbara Rudnick, PG  
NEPA Team Leader  
US EPA Region III (3EA30)  
1650 Arch Street, Phila, PA 19103  
(215) 814-3322/ Fax: (215) 814-2783  
[Rudnick.Barbara@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Rudnick.Barbara@epamail.epa.gov)

Department of Environmental Quality  
Division of Environmental Enhancement  
629 East Main Street, 6th Floor  
Richmond, VA 23219  
(804) 698-4330

Director  
Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development  
Attn: Program Administration and Assistance Office  
600 East Main Street, Suite 300  
Richmond, VA 23219-1321  
(804) 371-7061 [Virginia Relay Center 771 / FAX 371-7093]

Local Regional and Tribal Agencies adjacent to or surrounding the jurisdiction issuing the NOI-RROF.