## PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) FOR WAUBAY WATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Waubay announces the availability of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposed project to relocate the infiltration and percolation (IP) ponds at the Waubay's wastewater treatment facility. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is considering providing eligible costs via its Public Assistance Program, as implemented under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5206. Funding for the proposed project may also be provided by other state and federal agencies.

Preparation of an EA for these actions is pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (PL 91-190) and associated environmental statutes, as implemented in FEMA's regulations (FEMA Directive 1080-1). This EA will address the purpose and need of the proposed project, project alternatives considered, affected environment, environmental consequences, and appropriate mitigation measures.

Notice is also published in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as implemented in 36 CFR Part 800; and Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management and Executive Order 11990, Wetlands Protection, as implemented in 44 CFR Part 9; because these actions may have the potential to affect historic, cultural and archaeological resources, as well as floodplains and wetlands.

The EA is intended to address the proposed work of constructing new IP ponds in Section 27, T122N, R53W, Day County SD (latitude 45.31570, longitude -97.27778). All work will be completed in compliance with applicable federal, tribal, state and local laws, regulations, etc.

The draft EA will be available for public review and comment during regular business hours at:

Waubay Public Library, 94 Main Street Waubay SD 57273

A comment period related to the proposed actions described above will remain open for 15 days following publication of this notice. Comments will be accepted from the affected public; local, state, and federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate environmental impacts of the proposed projects. Any substantive comments will be incorporated into the final draft document. Interested persons may obtain more detailed information about the proposed EA from, or provide written comments to:

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