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Mike Bender, Water Utilities Director  
City of Bentonville  
1000 SW 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bentonville, AR 72712

**RE: Build America Buy America (BABA) Exemption**  
**Bentonville Water Resource Recovery Facility Improvements Project**  
Project Number: 23-062; Loan Number: 02255-CW-L

Dear Mike Bender:

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program financed Bentonville Water Resource Recovery Facility Improvements Project has been designated as a SRF Non-Equivalency project. This means that the project is exempt from BABA requirements and construction related Disadvantaged Business Enterprises/Minority Business Enterprises/Women Business Enterprises reporting requirements. Please note that American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements and the associated record keeping remain in effect for the duration of the project.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Matthew Brooks, P.E., acting Project Engineer, at (501) 682-3934 or John Fetherston, Project Administrator at (501) 682-0555.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brooks, P.E.  
Engineer Supervisor  
Natural Resources Division

cc: Josh Durham with Hawkins-Weir Engineers, Inc. via email only