

The USDA - Rural Development, Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from the Town of Rupert. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the Rural Utilities Service has prepared an Environmental Assessment that evaluated the potential environmental effects and consequences of the project. This notice announces the availability of the Environmental Assessment for public review and comment.

The proposed water project consists of installing approximately 2 decant basins and 2 drying beds which will allow the town to properly backwash their filters in a proper schedule.

This project has been approved by various federal, state, and local government offices as planned. However, if the routes or scope of work changes, these agencies will be notified and given a chance to comment. Several alternatives were studied and analyzed using environmental factors and financial evaluations. It was determined that this project is needed to improve the environment of the county.

Copies of the environmental assessment can be reviewed or obtained the USDA Rural Development, Beckley Area Office, 481 Ragland Rd., Beckley, WV 25801 304-253-9597 or E.L. Robinson Engineering, 207 Brookshire Lane, Beckley, WV 25801 304-252-7473. Any person interested in commenting on this project should submit comments to the address above until September 25, 2015, or within 30 days of the first publication.