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## STATEMENT OF FINDINGS

This Statement of Findings concludes U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) review of the proposed award of Border Environmental Infrastructure Fund grant funds to the Lower Valley Water District (LVWD) in El Paso County, Texas under the National Environmental Policy Act and implementing regulations at 40 C.F.R. Parts 6 and 1500. The LVWD proposes to construct a wastewater collection system using funds provided through the North American Development Bank. The collection system will transport wastewater from the LVMD planning area, which includes numerous substandard subdivisions, or "colonias," to the R.R. Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant, which is operated by the City of El Paso, Texas.

After preparation and consideration of an environmental assessment (EA), EPA issued a preliminary finding of no significant impact (FNSI) for public comment on April 4, 1998. The 30-day public comment period expired on May 4, 1998. EPA received no comments on the FNSI or EA. Because the proposed action will have no significant effect on the quality of the human environment, preparation of an environmental impact statement is unnecessary.

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