

State of Vermont
Agency of Natural Resources
Department of Environmental Conservation
Notice of Determination of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion

Town of Bennington, WSID #5016
Water System Improvements
DWSRF Project Number RF3-243

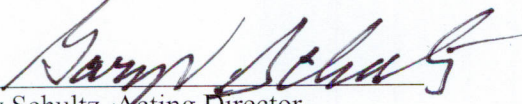
In accordance with Section VII of the Department's Environmental Review Procedures for projects funded through the Vermont/EPA Revolving Loan Fund Program, Bennington Water Department, WSID #5016 has requested its proposed water improvement project be evaluated for eligibility for a Categorical Exclusion exempting the project from detailed environmental procedures required for projects having a significant environmental impact.

This project includes the installation of a mechanically operated screen at the Town of Bennington's main intake source at Bolles Brook to replace the current open concrete intake that is susceptible to clogging by large debris and leaf litter. The proposed project will include excavation and backfill of a new underground power line to the existing pumphouse and vault, construction of two new pipe bollards near the existing vault, and minor slope stabilization near the existing tank. All other project elements are pre-existing and require only modification.

Our consideration of the Town of Bennington's request included reviewing the Environmental Information Document and supporting documentation, dated October 2009, which was prepared by MSK Engineers. At the completion of this independent evaluation, the Department has determined the project meets the criteria for receiving a Categorical Exclusion. The project will correct water system deficiencies and does not meet any of the criteria resulting in denial of an exclusion.

Further information on the project and this determination are available for inspection at the Department of Environmental Conservation, Water Supply Division, Old Pantry Building, at 103 South Main Street, Waterbury, Vermont. In addition to the applicant, a copy of this determination will be sent to a list of stakeholders and posted on the Water Supply Division's website.

Agency of Natural Resources
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Justin Johnson, Commissioner

By 
Gary Schultz, Acting Director
Water Supply Division

Dated at Waterbury, Vermont this 30 day of JUN, 2010