

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

Richmond Fire District No. 1, WSID #5426
Water System Improvements
DWSRF Project Number RF3-174

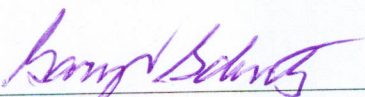
In accordance with Section VII of the Department's Environmental Review Procedures for projects funded through the Vermont/EPA Revolving Loan Fund Program, Richmond Fire District No. 1 Water System WSID #5426 has requested its proposed water improvement project be evaluated for eligibility for a Categorical Exclusion exempting the project from detailed environmental procedures required for projects having a significant environmental impact.

This project includes: 1) demolition of existing concrete water storage tank, piping, instrumentation, access hatch and appurtenances; 2) construction of new water storage tanks, controls, piping and appurtenances; 3) construction of two pump houses and associated electrical and mechanical features; 4) construction of 1-1/2" water distribution main; 5) construction of a 3" water transmission main between proposed tanks and the water distribution system; 6) installation of three flushing hydrants; 7) installation of two new disinfection systems; 8) and installation of an 18' by 8" chlorine contact pipe for raw water disinfection. This project is to be constructed in the same location as the existing infrastructure that is being replaced. The project will not result in the expansion of system capacity and is necessary to correct water system deficiencies that have resulted in water quality violations over the past year.

Our consideration of the Richmond Fire District No. 1 request included reviewing environmental information and documentation completed and submitted by Weston & Sampson 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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Laura Q. Pelosi, Commissioner

By 
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Dated at Waterbury, Vermont this 15 day of DEC, 2008