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Re: Environmental Review of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Water System Improvement Project, Town of Richmond, Jericho Road Waterline Replacement, WSID # 5084.

Dear Mr. Urbanik:

The attached National Environmental Policy Act Categorical Exclusion determination for your project is being distributed to interested regulatory agencies, stakeholders, and other interested parties. Additionally, the Categorical Exclusion determination will be posted on the Water Supply Division's website.

DWSRF funding is not currently available for this project but the project is included on the FY09 comprehensive project priority list (current active list) as well as the FY10 comprehensive project priority list (active beginning 10/1/2011). It is our understanding the Town plans to bid and possibly construct the improvements prior to availability of DWSRF funds. If construction proceeds and the Town would like to receive retroactive funding through the DWSRF (if funds are available) the Town must follow SRF procurement requirements, file a DWSRF construction loan application, and interim financing must be short term as we cannot refinance long term debt.

Please contact me toll-free at 1-800-823-6500 or on my direct line at 241-3408 should you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bryan J. Redmond".

Bryan J. Redmond
DWSRF Program Specialist

C: Eric Blatt, P.E., Water Supply Division
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Notice of Determination of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion

Town of Richmond, WSID #5084
Water System Improvements
DWSRF Loan RF3-259P

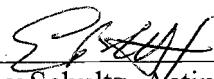
In accordance with Section VII of the Department's Environmental Review Procedures for projects funded through the Vermont/EPA Revolving Loan Fund Program, the Town of Richmond has requested its proposed water improvement project be evaluated for eligibility for a Categorical Exclusion exempting the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

The proposed project is a comprehensive upgrade of the existing surface/transportation infrastructure and underlying utilities along Jericho Road in the Town of Richmond, Vermont. The project includes full replacement and upgrade of existing water main, a full replacement of the existing stormwater infrastructure, and a partial replacement of a segment of sanitary sewer main closer to the village area. The project encompasses approximately 2,850 linear feet and is contained within the existing Jericho Road Right-of-Way.

Our consideration of the Town of Richmond request included reviewing an Environmental Information Document dated March 2011 and prepared by Green Mountain Engineering, Inc. At the completion of this independent evaluation, the Department has determined the project meets the criteria for receiving a Categorical 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.

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By 
for Gary Schultz, Acting Director
Water Supply Division

Dated at Waterbury, Vermont this 6th day of May, 2011