

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
Town of Hartford, Vermont
Hartford WRJ Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade/Expansion Contract No. 2
AR1 - 099 (Vermont/EPA revolving loan)

In accordance with Section VII of the Department's Environmental Review Procedures for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/EPA Revolving Loan Program, the Town of Hartford, Vermont, has requested that its proposed upgrade and expansion of the White River Junction treatment facility be evaluated for eligibility for a Categorical Exclusion from the detailed environmental review that is described in the Procedures and required for projects with significant environmental impact.

The proposed project involves upgrade/expansion of the existing 1.215 mgd wastewater treatment facility to a 1.450 mgd Sequential Batch Reactor process with ultraviolet disinfection. The project is expected to improve the long-term reliability and efficiency of the Town of Hartford, White River Junction wastewater treatment facility.

Our consideration of the Town's request for Categorical Exclusion included a detailed review of the following documents:

Facilities Plan titled "*Town of Hartford, Hartford Wastewater Collection System Investigation and WRJ Treatment Facility Expansion Study, Preliminary Engineering Report*" and dated July 2008, by Forcier Aldrich & Associates.

Facilities Plan titled "*Town of Hartford, Quechee Wastewater Collection System Investigation and Treatment Facility Expansion, Preliminary Engineering Report*" and dated November 2007, by Forcier Aldrich & Associates of Essex Jct., Vermont.

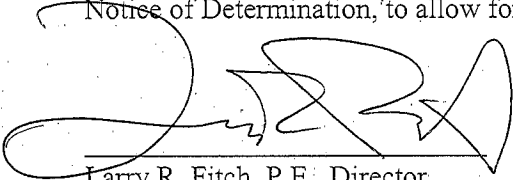
Environmental Information Document titled "*Town of Hartford, Vermont - Hartford WRJ Wastewater treatment Facility Upgrade/Expansion Contract No. 2*" and dated April 2009, by Forcier Aldrich & Associates of Essex Jct., Vermont.

Upon completion of its independent evaluation, the Department has determined that the project meets the criteria for receiving a Categorical Exclusion. Specifically, the project involves upgrade and rehabilitation of existing facilities, and therefore does not affect the degree of treatment. The proposed capacity increase is less than 20 percent of the existing permitted capacity.

Further information on the project and this Determination is available for inspection at the following locations:

Town of Hartford, Public Works Department, 173 Airport Road, White River Junction,
Vermont 05001
Forcier Aldrich & Associates, 6 Market Place, Suite 2, Essex Jct., Vermont 05452
Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Facilities Engineering Division,
Laundry Building, 103 South Main Street, Waterbury, Vermont 05671-0511
Telephone: (802) 241-3750

No significant administrative action will be taken on this project for thirty (30) days from issuance of this Notice of Determination, to allow for public response.


Larry R. Fitch, P.E., Director

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