

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

Town of Essex, Vermont

Alder Brook Pump Station Upgrade and New Flow Meter Structure on Maple Street

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 Essex, Vermont, has requested that its proposed construction of Alder Brook pump Station upgrade and a new flow metering structure on Maple Street be eligible 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 replacement of the original three pumps with three new pumps and the building refurbishment will provide a long-term reliability and energy efficiency to the Town.

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

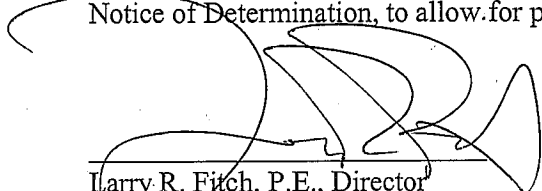
Facilities Plan titled "*Town of Essex, Alder Brook Pump Station Evaluation General Concept Plan/Basis of Design*" and dated March 2007, by Forcier Aldrich & Associates.

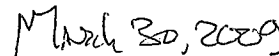
Upon completion of its independent evaluation, the Department has determined that the project meets the criteria for receiving a Categorical Exclusion. Specifically, the project involves minor rehabilitation of existing facilities and functional replacement of the existing pumping facility, and therefore does not affect the degree of treatment or capacity of the existing wastewater treatment facility.

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

Town of Essex, Public Works Department, 81 Main Street, Essex, Vermont 05452
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
Facilities Engineering Division



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