

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
Towns of Troy and Jay, Vermont  
Wastewater Treatment Facility Contract # 2 Sludge Processing  
ARI-079

In accordance with Section VII of the Department's Environmental Review Procedures for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/EPA Revolving Loan Program, the towns of Troy and Jay Vermont, have requested that their proposed construction of an active solar sludge drying project at the existing Troy-Jay wastewater 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 construction of an active sludge drying structure and sludge storage facilities at the existing Troy-Jay wastewater treatment facility. The proposed project will provide more efficient and reduce the operating cost of the Towns wastewater treatment facility.

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

Preliminary Engineering Study titled "*Preliminary Engineering Report for Wastewater Treatment Facilities Upgrade and Expansion for the Towns of Troy and Jay, Vermont*" and dated October 2008, by Leach Engineering Consultants, PA of St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

Environmental Information Document titled "*Towns of Troy and Jay, Vermont Environmental Information Document*" and dated December 15, 2009, by Leach Engineering Consultants, PA of St. Johnsbury, 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 includes minor modification of existing facilities, 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:

Troy/Jay Wastewater Board, 1036 VT Rte 242, Jay, Vermont 05859

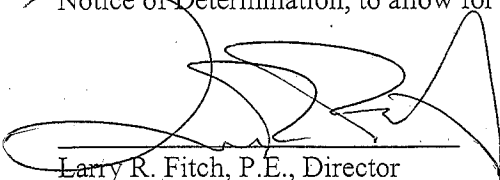
Leach Engineering Consultants, 36 Eastern Avenue, Ste. # 6, St. Johnsbury, Vermont 05851

Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Facilities Engineering Division,

Laundry Building, 103 South Main Street, Waterbury, Vermont 05671-0511

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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

December 16, 2009