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Subject: Town of Bennington--SRF Public Notice of Categorical Exclusion
Attachments: rf3-303-1--categorical exclusion determination.pdf

Dear Mr. Morse,

The attached National Environmental Policy Act Categorical Exclusion determination for your water system improvement project is being distributed to interested regulatory agencies, stakeholders, and other interested parties. The Categorical Exclusion exempting the project from further environmental review became effective upon signing. Please contact me with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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

Bennington Water Department, WSID #5016
Town of Bennington, VT
Water System Improvements
DWSRF Loan RF3-303

In accordance with Section VII of the Department's Environmental Review Procedures for projects funded through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program, the Bennington Water Department, located in the Town of Bennington, VT 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 joint Town of Bennington and Southern Vermont College water storage tank/transmission main project will solve the compliance issues (lack of disinfection; repeated total coliform bacteria hits) related to the lower college campus, place the College on the Town water system, and help solve the Town's South End water pressure issues.

Our consideration of the Town of Bennington's request included reviewing environmental information and documentation completed and submitted by their engineering consultant, MSK Engineering and Design Inc. 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 by contacting the DWSRF Program at (802) 585-4905. In addition to the applicant, a copy of this determination will be sent to a list of stakeholders and posted on the Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division's [Environmental Review Determination Notice](#) page.

Agency of Natural Resources
Department of Environmental Conservation
David Mears, Commissioner

By 
Eric Blatt, P.E., Director
Facilities Engineering Division

Dated in Montpelier, Vermont this 3rd day of November, 2014

