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Subject: Public Notice of Categorical Exclusion (Bellows Falls Water Department, RF3-308-1)
Attachments: rf3-308-1--categorical exclusion determination (Phase II).pdf

Dear Mr. Stearns II,

The attached National Environmental Policy Act Categorical Exclusion determination for *the first two contracts of the Phase II Water Infrastructure 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

Bellows Falls Water Department, WSID #5298
Bellows Falls, VT
Water System Improvements
DWSRF Loan RF3-308-1

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 Bellows Falls Water Department, located in the Village of Bellows Falls, VT has requested its proposed water improvement project (first two contracts under Phase II) be evaluated for eligibility for a categorical exclusion exempting the project from detailed environmental procedures required for projects having a significant environmental impact.

The first two contracts under the Phase II Water Infrastructure Improvement Project consists of nearly 8,000 lf of waterline replacement on VT Route 5, Morgan St., Summer St. Lincoln St., Steuben St., Elm St., School St., and Henry St.

Our consideration of the Village of Bellows Fall's request included reviewing environmental information and documentation completed and submitted by their engineering consultant, Dufresne Group Consulting Engineers. At the completion of this independent evaluation, the Department has determined the project meets the criteria for receiving a Categorical Exclusion. The project segment 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 22nd day of August, 2014