

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

Town of Hartford, Vermont

Sewer System Rehabilitation and Pump Station Upgrades Contract No. 1

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 sewer system rehabilitation and pump station upgrades 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 rehabilitation of existing manholes and sewer lines as well as pump station upgrades in the White River Junction and Quechee collection systems. The project is expected to improve the long-term reliability and efficiency of the Town of Hartford wastewater collection systems.

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, Sewer System Rehabilitation and Pump Station Upgrades Contract No. 1*" 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 minor rehabilitation of existing facilities and functional replacement of the existing pumping 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:

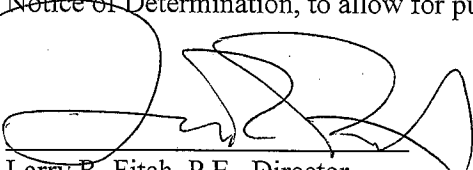
Town of Hartford, Public Works Department, 173 Airport Road, White River Junction, Vermont 05001

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

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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.



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Facilities Engineering Division

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