

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

Village of Bellows Falls, Vermont

Wastewater Treatment Facility-Headworks Improvements
AR1-007

In accordance with Section VII of the Department's Environmental Review Procedures for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/EPA Revolving Loan Program, the Village of Bellows Falls, Vermont, has requested that its proposed headworks improvements project at the Village's wastewater treatment plant 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 upgrading the headworks structure and septage receiving facilities at Village's wastewater treatment facility. The proposed project will provide more efficient and reliable performance to the Village 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 "*Village of Bellows Falls, Vermont- Headworks Upgrade and New Entrance Road*" and dated April 21, 2009, by Stantec of North Springfield, Vermont.

Environmental Information Document titled "*Village of Bellows Falls, Headworks Improvements*" and dated May 14, 2009, by Stantec of North Springfield, 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 refurbishment and rehabilitation 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:

Village of Bellows Falls, Town Hall, 7 Square, Bellows Falls, Vermont 05101

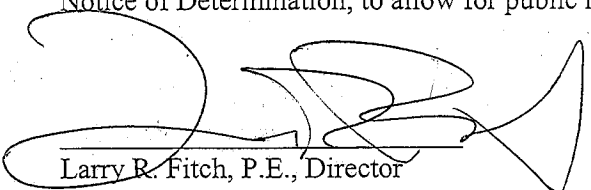
Stantec, 54 Route 106, North Springfield, Vermont 05150-0029

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.



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Facilities Engineering Division

May 20, 2009
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