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Notice of Intent to Issue a Finding of No Significant Impact

**Village of Saxtons River, Vermont
Wastewater Treatment Facility Refurbishment Project**

Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Loan Number: **RF1-175**

The Department of Environmental Conservation intends to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed Saxtons River WWTF Refurbishment project, which involves the replacement of the existing oxidation ditch treatment process with a sequencing batch reactor process.

Under the Department's Environmental Review Procedures for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/ EPA Revolving Loan Program, the project is ineligible for Categorical Exclusion from detailed environmental review. The project involves construction of an extended outfall pipe in order to mitigate water quality concerns. Additionally, a small public controversy was raised regarding the aesthetics of the proposed building location. As a result of the public controversy, the Village considered an Alternative location for the SBR alternative, however, due to environmental concerns about climate change, flooding, and erosion, that Alternative location is unacceptable to the DEC. The need for resiliency and the uncertainty of changing flood parameters with regard to a large community investment weighed against the aesthetic concerns and considering that aesthetics are not a basis of concern in the environmental review process.

Also, the direct and indirect environmental effects of the project are not significant enough to necessitate an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), under the Department's environmental review procedures. The project will not increase the current permitted flow capacity of the treatment plant, and the project will not include a sewer extension or expansion of a sewage collection system.

Further information on the project and this Notice of Intent is available for inspection at the following locations:

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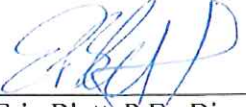
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No significant administrative action will be taken on this project for thirty (30) days from issuance of this Notice of Intent, to allow for public comment.


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10/21/2014
Date