



Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation
EC7 Facilities Engineering Division

Agency of Natural Resources

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Mr. Bruce Hoar, Public Works Director
Authorized Representative
Town of Williston
7900 Williston Rd
Williston, Vermont 05495

October 14, 2013

Re: Williston Gallop Hill Pump Station Improvements
Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Loan Number RF1-163

Categorical Exclusion from Detailed Environmental Review

Dear Mr. Hoar:

The Department of Environmental Conservation has determined that the Town's proposed **Gallop Hill Pump Station Improvements** project may be excluded from the detailed environmental review procedures that are required for projects that have significant environmental effects. The Department's environmental review procedures require a **30 day public comment period** following the issuance of a Notice of Determination of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion. If no public comments received during that period demonstrate that this Determination is in error, then the Categorical Exclusion exempting the project from detailed review will become effective.

Copies of documents supporting a Categorical Exclusion are enclosed. Please keep copies of the **enclosed documents available for public inspection** during a public comment period of 30 days. A full listing of the documents that must be available for public inspection is attached. Please call **(802) 490-6226** if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lynnette Whitney".

Lynnette Whitney, P.E.
Pollution Control Design Chief
Facilities Engineering Division

Enclosures

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Documents Enclosed for Categorical Exclusion Public Comment Period (30 days)

1. *"Notice of Determination of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion"*
(Signed by Eric Blatt, PE, Director, Facilities Engineering Division.)
2. *"Evaluation of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion"*
(Approved by Eric Blatt, PE, Director, Facilities Engineering Division.)
3. *"Environmental Review Procedures for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/EPA Revolving Loan Program"*, also available online at:

http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/fed/design/docs/Environmental_Review_Procedures_for_VT-EPA_SRF.htm
4. **Categorical Exclusion** request letter, Town of Williston, September 9, 2013.

Additional Documents Needed for Categorical Exclusion Public Comment Period (30 days)

5. **Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Information Document** dated September 9, 2013, by Aldrich + Elliot, of Essex Junction, Vermont.

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Notice of Determination of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion

Town of Williston

Gallop Hill Pump Station Improvements

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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 Williston** has requested that its proposed **Gallop Hill Pump Station Improvements** project 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 effects.

Consideration of the **Town of Williston** request for Categorical Exclusion included a review of the following document:

Environmental Information Document dated September 9, 2013, by Aldrich + Elliot, of Essex Junction, Vermont.

Upon completion of its independent evaluation, the Department has determined that the proposed project meets the criteria for issuance of a Categorical Exclusion.

Specifically, the project will not increase the permitted annual average flow (hydraulic) capacity of the existing receiving wastewater treatment plant, and it will not increase permitted pounds of pollutants that may be discharged by that plant. Also, the project will not increase the design organic (equivalent population) treatment capacity of the wastewater treatment plant. The project will not add a new permanent discharge of stormwater or treated wastewater to surface waters or groundwater. Further, the project does not involve (create) serious local or environmental issues, or meet any of the criteria that would result in denial of an Exclusion.

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Further information on the project and this Determination is available for inspection at the following locations:

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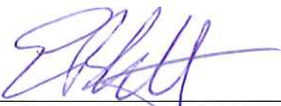
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(Note: National Life requires photo identification to obtain an access badge for entry.)

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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.


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

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TO: Eric Blatt, P.E., Director, Facilities Engineering Division

FROM: Lynnette Whitney, P.E., Pollution Control Design Chief, Facilities Engineering Division

SUBJECT: **Town of Williston**
Gallop Hill Pump Station Improvements

Evaluation of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion
from Detailed Environmental Review

DATE: October 14, 2013

A. Project Identification

Project Name: Town of Williston
Gallop Hill Pump Station Improvements

Address: Bruce Hoar, Public Works Director
Town of Williston
7900 Williston Rd
Williston, Vermont 05495

Project Location: Gallop Hill Pump Station, Williston, Vermont

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B. Summary of Environmental Review

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 Williston** has requested that its proposed **Gallop Hill Pump Station Improvements** project 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 effects.

The applicant's request and the following planning document have been reviewed, and our findings are summarized below:

Environmental information document dated September 9, 2013, by Aldrich + Elliot, of Essex Junction, Vermont.

1. Project Description

The Town of Williston is located in **Chittenden County**, Vermont.

The proposed project will **replace pump station electrical, pumping, and associated equipment** at Gallop Hill Pump Station in Williston, Vermont. Several components are at the end of their useful life.

Eligibility for clean water revolving loan (**CWSRF**) construction funding will be limited to the pump station refurbishment.

The contract documents will contain standard requirements to limit hours of construction and to control noise, dust and discharges of stormwater runoff or pollutants during construction.

2. Justification for Categorical Exclusion

We have determined that the proposed project meets the criteria for issuance of a Categorical Exclusion.

Specifically, the project will not increase the **design hydraulic** capacity of the wastewater treatment plant by more than 20 percent, and it will not increase the design **organic** treatment capacity (**equivalent population** served) by more than 30 percent. In fact, the project will not increase the hydraulic or organic capacity of the treatment plant at all.

The project will **not** create a **new permanent discharge** of stormwater or treated wastewater to surface waters or groundwater, and there will be **no increase** of effluent **pollutant loadings** (pounds per day) permitted to be discharged from the receiving wastewater treatment plant.

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The project is not expected to adversely affect wetlands, wetlands buffer zones, floodplains, historic sites, archeological sites, habitats of threatened or endangered species, or other environmentally or culturally sensitive areas.

The project does not involve (create) serious local or environmental issues, or meet any of the criteria that would result in denial of an Exclusion.