

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

City of Rutland, Vermont

Sewer System Refurbishment/Replacements and STP Energy Improvements  
AR1-009

In accordance with Section VII of the Department's Environmental Review Procedures for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/EPA Revolving Loan Program, the City of Rutland, Vermont, has requested that its proposed sewer system refurbishment/replacements and wastewater treatment plant energy 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 refurbishment/replacements of the City's existing manholes, wastewater and storm water collection lines, as well as the City's wastewater treatment plant energy improvements. The project is expected to improve the long-term reliability and efficiency of the City's wastewater treatment system.

Our consideration of the City's request for Categorical Exclusion included a detailed review of the following documents:

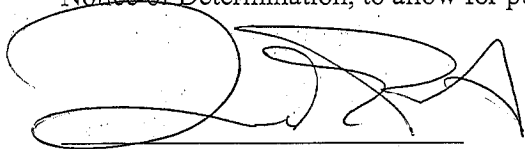
Environmental Information Document titled "*City of Rutland, Vermont – Sewer System Refurbishment/Replacements and STP Energy Improvements*" and dated May 13, 2009 by City of Rutland, Department of Public Works.

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 only minor refurbishment and functional replacement of the 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:

City of Rutland, Department of Public Works, 52 Washington Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701  
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

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