



Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

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Agency of Natural Resources

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

April 20, 2015

Re: Route 2A Gravity Sewer Refurbishment Project
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 **Route 2A Gravity Sewer Refurbishment 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 purple ink that reads "Lynnette Claudon".

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

Enclosures

Bruce Hoar, Public Works Director
Town of Williston, Vermont
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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, April 15, 2015.

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

5. **Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum and Environmental Information Document**
with cover letter dated March 9, 2015, by Aldrich + Elliot, of Essex Junction, Vermont.

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Jason Booth, P.E., Aldrich + Elliot

David DiDomenico, Inspector, Wastewater Program, VT-DEC, Watershed Management Division

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Notice of Determination of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion

Town of Williston

Route 2A Gravity Sewer Refurbishment Project

Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Loan Number RF1-163

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 **Route 2A Gravity Sewer Refurbishment** 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 February 23, 2015, 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.

Town of Williston, Vermont
Route 2A Gravity Sewer Refurbishment Project
Notice of Determination of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion from Detailed Environmental Review

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

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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

April 16, 2015

Department of Environmental Conservation
Vermont Agency of Natural Resources

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

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

SUBJECT: **Town of Williston**
Route 2A Gravity Sewer Refurbishment

Evaluation of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion
from Detailed Environmental Review

DATE: April 16, 2015

A. Project Identification

Project Name: Town of Williston
Route 2A Gravity Sewer Refurbishment

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

Project Location: under Route 2A 200 feet north of Knight Lane, Williston, Vermont

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B. Summary of Environmental Review

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

Environmental information document dated February 23, 2015, 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 **320 linear feet of sewer pipe between manholes 146 and 147** near the intersection of Route 2A and Knight Lane in Williston, Vermont. The pipe is undersized for existing flows. The project involves a jack-n-bore under Route 2A.

Eligibility for clean water revolving loan (**CWSRF**) construction funding will be limited to the pipe replacement and directly related ancillary work.

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.