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Mr. Glenn Seward, Selectboard Chair
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June 5, 2015

**Re: Revised Categorical Exclusion
Brownsville Sewer System
RF1 -167 (Vermont/EPA CWSRF Loan)**

Dear Mr. Seward:

The Department of Environmental Conservation has determined that the proposed construction of the Brownsville Sewer System project, *including the 1,200-lf sewer extension and associated service connections under Bid Alternate No. 1*, and ultimate connection to the Town of Windsor sewer may be exempted from detailed environmental review as the project presents no significant environmental impact. The Department's environmental review procedures require a **30-day public comment period** following the issuance of this Notice. During this period, the public may submit substantive comments demonstrating that the Determination is in error. If no comments are received, the project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion and is exempt from detailed environmental review.

Note that the comment period begins on June 5, 2015 and ends on July 5, 2015.

Further, this determination is **conditional**. As stated in the directive dated June 19, 2014 (see attached) and the previous Categorical Exclusion determination dated January 21, 2015, the Town of Windsor must resolve overflow issues at Pump Station #2 before the Department can make positive environmental findings. Prior to submitting the Final Design for the Brownsville Sewer System, you are obligated to submit documentation confirming that the Town of Windsor has performed the prescribed corrective measures.

During the public comment period, documents pertinent to the project must be publicly available. These include the **enclosed** supporting documentation for the Categorical Exclusion, the Facilities Plan (as revised) and Environmental Information Document (as revised) prepared by your engineering consultant, and a summary of environmental review procedures. A full listing of the required documents is attached for your convenience. Please call **(802) 522-2192** if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Robert Pelosi, E.I.
Pollution Control Design Engineer

Documents Enclosed for Public Comment Period (30 Days)

1. *Revised* Notice of Determination of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion (Signed by Eric Blatt, P.E., Director, Facilities Engineering Division).
2. *Revised* Evaluation of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion (Approved by Eric Blatt, P.E., Director, Facilities Engineering Division).
3. Link to : [Environmental Review Procedures for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/EPA Revolving Loan Program.](#)

Additional Documents Needed for Public Comment Period (30 Days)

4. Facilities Plan titled “*Brownsville Sewer System Facilities Planning, Preliminary Engineering Report*” and dated April 2013, by Aldrich & Elliott, PC of Essex Jct., Vermont.
5. Memorandum to Amend the Preliminary Engineering Report for the Brownsville Sewer System Facilities Planning, dated April 15, 2015, by Aldrich & Elliott, PC of Essex Jct., Vermont.
6. *Revised* Environmental Information Document titled “*Town of West Windsor, Vermont, RF1-167*” and dated April 9, 2015, by Aldrich & Elliott, PC of Essex Jct., Vermont.

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REVISED NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

Town of West Windsor, Vermont

Brownsville Sewer System

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 West Windsor, Vermont, has requested that its proposed Brownsville Sewer System project, *including the 1,200-lf sewer extension and associated service connections under Bid Alternate No. 1*, be exempt from detailed environmental review through Categorical Exclusion.

The proposed project involves constructing a collection sewer for a portion of the designated village center in the village of Brownsville, Vermont. The project is limited to a **core service area** consisting of:

- A corridor parallel to Route 44 from Seems Road to Brook Road (west to east);
- A corridor from the Albert Bridge School along the Brownsville-Hartland Road to the intersection with Route 44 (north to south);

and the following **expanded service area** under *Bid Alternate No. 1*:

- A corridor parallel to Route 44 from Harrington Road to Seems Road (west to east).

A map of the project area is attached for convenience.

The collection sewer consists of new 8" gravity sewer lines, two new pump stations, associated force mains and refurbishment of one existing pump station. The **core service area** connects 23 users (residential, commercial, and municipal) in the village of Brownsville to the existing Ascutney Mountain Resort Pump Station No. 1 and, ultimately, to the Town of Windsor sewer. The **expanded service area** connects an additional 6 users to the collection sewer.

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

Facilities Plan titled "*Brownsville Sewer System Facilities Planning, Preliminary Engineering Report*" and dated April 2013, by Aldrich & Elliott, PC of Essex Jct., Vermont.

Memorandum to Amend the Preliminary Engineering Report for the Brownsville Sewer System Facilities Planning, dated April 15, 2015, by Aldrich & Elliott, PC of Essex Jct., Vermont.

Revised Environmental Information Document titled "Town of West Windsor, Vermont, RF1-167" and dated April 9, 2015, by Aldrich & Elliott, PC of Essex Jct., 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 eliminates existing pollution points, provides a limited number of users within a designated village center access to a sanitary sewer, is conditioned upon correcting existing pump station deficiencies in the receiving Town of Windsor sewer, and neither affects treatment nor diminishes capacity at the Town of Windsor wastewater treatment facility.

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

**Town of West Windsor, Town Office, 22 Brownsville-Hartland Road, P.O. Box 6, Brownsville,
Vermont 05037**

Aldrich+Elliott, P.C., 6 Market Place, Suite 2, Essex Jct., Vermont 05452

**Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Facilities Engineering Division,
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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

June 5, 2015

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TO: Eric Blatt, P.E., Director, Facilities Engineering Division
FROM: Robert Pelosi, E.I., Pollution Control Design Engineer
DATE: June 5, 2015
SUBJECT: Town of West Windsor
Brownsville Sewer System
Evaluation of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion from Detailed Environmental Review

A. Project Identification

Project Name: Town of West Windsor
Brownsville Sewer System

Address: Mr. Glenn Seward, Selectboard Chair
Authorized Representative
Town of West Windsor
P.O. Box 6
Brownsville, Vermont 05037

Project Location: **Core Service Area:** A corridor parallel to Route 44 from Seems Road to Brook Road (west to east) and a corridor from the Albert Bridge School along the Brownsville-Hartland Road to the intersection with Route 44 (north to south).

Expanded Service Area: A corridor parallel to Route 44 from Harrington Road to Seems Road (west to east), *under Bid Alternate No. 1.*

Vermont/EPA CWSRF Loan Program Project No.: RF1 -167

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 West Windsor, Vermont, has requested that its proposed Brownsville Sewer System project be exempted from detailed environmental review through Categorical Exclusion, as detailed in the Procedures.

The applicant's requests, and the following pertinent documents, have been reviewed, and our findings are summarized below:

Facilities Plan titled "*Brownsville Sewer System Facilities Planning, Preliminary Engineering Report*" and dated April 2013, by Aldrich & Elliott, PC of Essex Jct., Vermont.

Memorandum to Amend the Preliminary Engineering Report for the Brownsville Sewer System Facilities Planning, dated April 15, 2015, by Aldrich & Elliott, PC of Essex Jct., Vermont.

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1. Project Description

The Town of West Windsor is located in Windsor County, Vermont.

The proposed project includes the following construction:

- Installation of an 8" gravity sewer, aligned west to east, on Route 44 from Seems Road to the Town Offices;
- Installation of an 8" gravity sewer, aligned north to south, along Brownsville-Hartland Road from the Albert Bridge School to the Town Offices;
- Construction of Pump Station No. 2 near the Town Offices at the intersection of Brownsville-Hartland Road and Route 44 to convey wastewater east under Beaver Brook to Manhole MH 1-4 on the south side of Route 44;
- Installation of an 8" gravity sewer that extends from Manhole MH 1-4 to Brook Road along the south side of Route 44;
- Construction of Pump Station No. 1 that intercepts the gravity sewer and conveys the wastewater to the existing Ascutney Mountain Resort Pump Station No. 1 for discharge to the Town of Windsor sewer; and
- Installation of an 8" gravity sewer, aligned west to east, on Route 44 from Harrington Road to Seems Road, *under Bid Alternate No. 1*.

2. Justification for Categorical Exclusion

We have determined that the project meets the criteria for receiving a Categorical Exclusion. Specifically, the project eliminates existing pollution points, provides a limited number of users within a designated village center access to a sanitary sewer, and neither affects treatment nor diminishes capacity at the Town of Windsor wastewater treatment facility. Further, provided the Owner demonstrates that existing pump station deficiencies in the receiving Town of Windsor sewer system are corrected, 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.