State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Department of Environmental Conservation Notice of Determination of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion Superseded

Wilmington Water District Water System, WSID #5310
Wilmington, VT
Water System Improvements
DWSRF Loan RF3-316

In accordance with Section VII of the Department's Environmental Review Procedures for projects funded through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program, the Wilmington Water District Water System, located in the Town of Wilmington, VT is being re-evaluated for eligibility for a categorical exclusion exempting the project from detailed environmental procedures required for projects having a significant environmental impact due to changes to its previously proposed water improvement project.

The previous determination included replacement of approximately 5000 linear feet of transmission main, consisting of a combination of open trench and directional drill to mitigate environmental impacts. However, as the project further developed, it became clear the previous environmental determination, dated 9/2/2015, was no longer valid for that portion of the project due to a substantial change in installation techniques. Therefore, this Categorical Exclusion Determination hereby supersedes the one issued on 9/2/2015. A separate categorical exclusion determination will be reconsidered for the transmission main once applicable permits are obtained.

The projects subject to this superseded environmental review determination consists of two parts. 1) Construction of a new treatment building to house a cartridge filtration system to address the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Treatment Rule. This treatment building will be constructed on top of the existing storage tank with minimal ground disturbance. 2) Replacement of approximately 2000 linear feet of watermain on Castle Hill Road and Fairview Avenue. This work will take place in previously disturbed right-of-ways.

Our consideration of the Town of Wilmington's request included reviewing environmental information and documentation completed and submitted by their engineering consultant, SVE Associates. At the completion of this independent evaluation, the Department has determined the project meets the criteria for receiving a Categorical Exclusion. The project will correct water system deficiencies and does not meet any of the criteria resulting in denial of an exclusion.

Further information on the project and this determination are available for inspection by contacting the DWSRF Program at (802) 585-4904. In addition to the applicant, a copy of this determination will be sent to a list of stakeholders and posted on the Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division's Environmental Review Determination Notice page.

Agency of Natural Resources

Department of Environmental Conservation

David Mears, Commissioner

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

Dated in Montpelier, Vermont this <u>5th</u> day of <u>November</u>, 2015