

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

East Middlebury Fire District No. 1, WSID #5003  
Water System Improvements  
DWSRF Project Number AR3-034


In accordance with Section VII of the Department's Environmental Review Procedures for projects funded through the Vermont/EPA Revolving Loan Fund Program, East Middlebury Fire District No. 1 Water System WSID #5003 has requested its proposed water improvement project be evaluated for eligibility for a Categorical Exclusion exempting the project from detailed environmental procedures required for projects having a significant environmental impact.

The proposed upgrade includes re-routing of a currently unused spring water feed line that currently is installed under and through the holdings of the reservoir. The spring line will be disconnected upstream of the reservoir and re-routed to a location similar to the existing discharge. This project is directly adjacent to a project completed by the District in 2004 and 2005, where a categorical exclusion was issued.

Our consideration of the East Middlebury Fire District No. 1 request included reviewing the Environmental Information Document and supporting information, dated April 2009, which was completed and submitted by Phelps Engineering, Inc. 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 at the Department of Environmental Conservation, Water Supply Division, Old Pantry Building, at 103 South Main Street, Waterbury, Vermont. In addition to the applicant, a copy of this determination will be sent to a list of stakeholders and posted on the Water Supply Division's website.

Agency of Natural Resources  
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Justin Johnson, Acting Commissioner

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Water Supply Division

Dated at Waterbury, Vermont this 19 day of May, 2009