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

> St. George Fire District No. 2, WSID #5094 St. George, Vermont Water System Improvements DWSRF Loan RF3-283

In accordance with Section VII of the Department's Environmental Review Procedures for projects funded through the Vermont/EPA Revolving Loan Fund Program, the St. George Fire District No. 2 Water System located in the Town of St. George, VT 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 project consists of the construction of a new above grade control building to house pressure tanks, controls and chlorination facilities. Additionally a 6 foot diameter pump station will be constructed adjacent to the existing reservoir to provide boosting capabilities to the system. Other minor upgrades include construction of an access drive, well head upgrades, minor improvements to the existing storage reservoir, removal of existing hydrants, and re-grading of the site. The total disturbance of the project will be approximately 5,000 sq. ft.

Our consideration of the request included review of an Environmental Information Document prepared by Green Mountain Engineering, Inc., dated January 2, 2012. At the completion of this independent evaluation, the Department has determined the project meets the criteria for receiving a categorical exclusion.

Further information on the project and this determination are available for inspection by contacting the DWSRF Program at (802) 654-8969. 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 website located at www.vermontdrinkingwater.org.

Agency of Natural Resources Department of Environmental Conservation David K. Mears, Commissioner

By Rodney Prince For Christine Thompson, Director

Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division

Dated at Winooski, Vermont this _____ day of _____, 2012