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**Subject:** Public Notice of Catergorical Exclusion (St. Johnsbury)

Attachments: Executed Categorical Exclusion.pdf

Dear Mr. Hall,

The attached National Environmental Policy Act Categorical Exclusion determination for your water system improvement project is being distributed to interested regulatory agencies, stakeholders, and other interested parties. The Categorical Exclusion exempting the project from further environmental review became effective upon signing. If and when additional phases are considered for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund eligibility, we will initiate a new environmental review process and a public hearing will be required. Please contact me with any questions or comments.

Regards,

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

St. Johnsbury Water System, WSID #5045 St. Johnsbury, VT Water System Improvements DWSRF Loan RF3-300

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 St. Johnsbury Water System, located in the Town of St. Johnsbury, 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 project consists of waterline, valve, hydrant, and service replacement on Eastern Ave., Western Ave., and Main St. in conjunction with a larger water, wastewater, and stormwater project.

Our consideration of the Town of St. Johnsbury's request included reviewing environmental information and documentation completed and submitted by their engineering consultant, Dufresne Group Consulting Engineers. 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) 585-4905. 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 <a href="https://www.vermontdrinkingwater.org">www.vermontdrinkingwater.org</a>.

By\_\_\_\_\_\_Eric Blatt, P.E., Director
Facilities Engineering Division

Dated in Montpelier, Vermont this \_\_8<sup>th</sup>\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_November\_\_\_\_\_, 2013

Agency of Natural Resources

David Mears, Commissioner

Department of Environmental Conservation