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

Bellows Falls Water System, WSID #5298 Rockingham, VT Water System Improvements DWSRF Loan RF3-308

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 Village of Bellows Falls water system, located in the Town of Rockingham (Village of Bellows Falls), 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 the replacement of 1,175 LF of water main and 750 LF of sewer main on Mill St.

Our consideration of the Bellows Falls water system'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 4904. In addition to the applicant, a copy of this determination will be sent to a list of stakeholders and posted on the Water Infrastructure Financing Program's Environmental Review Determination Notice page.

Agency of Natural Resources
Department of Environmental Conservation
Emily Boedecker, Commissioner

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