

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

Hemlock Ridge Water System, WSID #5240  
Killington, VT  
Water System Improvements  
DWSRF Loan RF3-355

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 Hemlock Ridge Water System, located in the Town of Killington, 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 includes installation of three new 5,000-gallon above-ground potable water storage tanks, abandonment of an existing 15,000-gallon underground potable water storage tank, installation of a new cation exchange treatment system to remove radium contamination from source water, installation of flushing hydrants and other miscellaneous water system improvements. Potable water storage and treatment improvements will be installed in a proposed water utility building with a footprint of approximately 900 square feet. The new treatment building will be located immediately adjacent to the existing water utility building. Backwash from the cation-exchange treatment system will be disposed on-site via proposed infiltration trenches near the water utility building.

Our consideration of the Hemlock Ridge's request included reviewing environmental information and documentation completed and submitted by their engineering consultant, Dubois & King, 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 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  
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Emily Boedecker, Commissioner

By  \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dated in Montpelier, Vermont this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019