

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

Hardwick Town Water System, WSID #5039  
Hardwick, VT  
Water System Improvements  
DWSRF Loan RF3-382

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 Hardwick Town Water System, located in Hardwick, 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 replacement of an existing, failed roof over an existing 36-foot by 100-foot concrete potable water storage reservoir. The new roof will include cast-in-place concrete knee walls, steel-framing and decking, an EPDM membrane roof, and appurtenant features.

The new roof will be installed on top of the existing concrete reservoir structure, which dates to the 1940's. No expansion of the existing structure's footprint or capacity is proposed.

Some activity will occur near, but outside of the footprint of the reservoir structure, including staging of materials and equipment, and operation of equipment as necessary to remove the existing roof and install the new roof. Site work for this project is limited but may include installation of a short section of underground electrical service, temporary removal and replacement of existing chain-link fencing, minor re-grading around the reservoir, and maintenance of the access road.

Our consideration of Hardwick Town Water System's request included reviewing environmental information and documentation completed and submitted by their engineering consultant, Aldrich + Elliott, PC. 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.

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Emily Boedecker, Commissioner

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