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

Colonial Estate Water System, WSID #20855
Fairfax, VT
Water System Improvements
DWSRF Loan RF3-358-3.0

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 Colonial Estates Water System, located in Fairfax, 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 involves siting, drilling, testing and development of a replacement water supply within 125 feet of the existing source and connection to the existing transmission main. Development of the new well will involve an extension of the casing as necessary, installation of a well pump, and excavation and installation of a waterline to the existing transmission main where it meets the existing well. Groundwater disturbance will be limited to approximately 750 sf.

Our consideration of Colonial Estates Water System's request included reviewing environmental information and documentation completed and submitted by their engineering consultant, Otter Creek Engineering, 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 Department of Environmental Conservation Emily Boedecker, Commissioner

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

Dated in Montpelier, Vermont this Wednesday, June 12, 2019