

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

Town of Bethel, WSID #5315
Bethel, VT
Water System Improvements
DWSRF Loan RF3-388

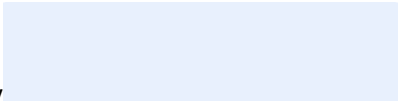
In accordance with Section VII of the Department's Environmental Review Procedures for projects funded through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program, the Town of Bethel, located in Bethel, VT has requested its proposed water improvement project be evaluated for eligibility for a categorical exclusion exempting the project from detailed environmental procedures required for projects having a significant environmental impact.

Installation of new water mains and appurtenances on Main St, Clifford, Cushing, Densmore, and Avon Dr, and Livery Stable Rd, storage tank level alarm/control improvements, sampling improvements, and access/safety improvements at the Gaiko Tank site.

Our consideration of the Town of Bethel's request included reviewing environmental information and documentation completed and submitted by their engineering consultant, Aldrich and Elliott, an Archaeological Resources Assessment and a Historic Resources Review completed by the University of Vermont Consulting Archaeology Program, and consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). At the completion of this independent evaluation, the Department has determined the project meets the criteria for receiving a Categorical Exclusion outlined in Section VII(b) of the State Environmental Review Process (SERP). The project will correct water system deficiencies and does not meet any of the criteria resulting in denial of a categorical exclusion as described in Section VII(d) of the SERP. Particularly, the actions proposed in this project are not known or expected to directly or indirectly affect cultural resource areas such as historic sites. This determination is conditioned upon the adherence by the Town and their consultants and contractors to the specific mitigation measures outlined in a memo from Aldrich and Elliott dated 5/15/20 addressing the six specific locations identified in the Historic Resources Review as having historic significance, and is in concurrence with the SHPO's finding of No Adverse Effect.

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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