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Notice of Intent to Issue a Finding of No Significant Impact

**Town of Bennington  
Lead Service Lines Replacement Project, Contract 1**

Vermont/ USEPA Drinking Water Revolving Loan Number: RF3-401

In accordance with section VII of the Department's *Vermont/EPA Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program*, the Department of Environmental Conservation intends to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the proposed water system improvement Project. This project involves the replacement of 140 service connections along Branch Street, County Street, Division Street, Gage Street, Maple Street, Park Street, Spring Street, Washington Avenue, Observatory Street, and Weeks Street. The pipes are located on both private property and the public right-of-way.

Under the Procedure, the project is ineligible for Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) from detailed environmental review because the project is significantly greater in scope than normal projects funded through the Vermont DWSRF. Also, the direct and indirect environmental effects of the project are not significant enough to necessitate an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the Department's environmental review procedures.

Consideration of the FNSI included a review of the following documents:

- Environmental Information Document titled "Environmental Report and Environmental Information Document," dated 1/12/2021, by MSK Engineering and Design, Inc.
- Preliminary Engineering Report titled "Preliminary Engineering Report, Lead Service Line Replacements," dated 2/13/2020, prepared by Jason Dolmetsch, P.E., MSK Engineering and Design, Inc.
- Design Basis Report titled "Lead Service Line Removal 2020 Pilot Project," dated October 2020, prepared by Patrick C. Smart, P.E., MSK Engineering and Design, Inc.
- 90% Lead Pilot Design Set, Contract 1, no date, prepared by MSK Engineering and Design, Inc.
- "Updated Archaeological Resources Assessment for the proposed Town of Bennington Lead Service Lines Replacement Project, Bennington, Bennington County, Vermont," Report No. 1262, dated

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**1/19/2021**

12/15/2020, prepared by Charles Knight, Ph.D., University of Vermont Consulting Archaeology Program.

Further information on the project and this Notice of Intent is available for inspection at the following locations:

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A public hearing is scheduled for January 25, at 6:15pm, as part of the Town of Bennington Selectboard meeting. For public health reasons, Select Board members will participate in the meeting by videoconference. Members of the public are urged to watch the meeting on CAT-TV or CAT-TV Facebook. If one wishes to participate, please call 1-646-558-8656 and enter the Meeting ID when prompted: 873-2045-5287 followed by #. Callers will be taken in the order of the call. Participation details are also available on the Town of Bennington website at <https://benningtonvt.org/meetings/select-board/>.

No significant administrative action will be taken on this project for thirty (30) days from issuance of this Notice of Determination, to allow for public response.

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Water Investment Division

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