

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

East Thetford Water Company, Inc., WSID #5184  
East Thetford, VT  
Water System Improvements  
DWSRF Loan RF3-437-3.0

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 East Thetford Water Company, Inc., located in Thetford, 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.

Project Description: This project includes the drilling, testing, and permitting of a new source well (Well No. 2), installing 25 lineal feet of 2-inch HDPE water main to reconnect the new well to the existing treatment building, constructing an addition to the building to install new water treatment equipment, and connection into the existing distribution system.

A previously constructed phase of this project, the water main connecting Well No 2 to the treatment building which is not funded under this loan received an after the fact Individual Wetland Permit (#2021-416). Release of this environmental determination is contingent on the issuance of the Individual Wetland Permit, which was issued on June 21, 2022.

Our consideration of East Thetford Water Company, Inc.'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  
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John Beling, Commissioner

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Dated in Montpelier, Vermont, Monday, August 9, 2022