

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

Bennington Water System, WSID #5016
Bennington, VT
Remedial Expansion: Settlers and Springhill Roads
DWSRF Loan RF3-489

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 Bennington Water System, located in Bennington, VT has requested its proposed remedial water system expansion be evaluated for eligibility for a categorical exclusion exempting the project from detailed environmental procedures required for projects having a significant environmental impact.

The major objective of this project is to install a new distribution main to provide municipal drinking water to inhabited areas affected by the contamination of groundwater by emerging contaminants (PFAS). The project will consist of approximately 3450 linear feet of water distribution main. Flush hydrants, individual service lines, and private well abandonment will also be included in the project.

Our consideration of Bennington's request included reviewing environmental information and documentation completed and submitted by their engineering consultant, MSK Engineering and Design 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. Should the proposed work be altered to expand beyond the current scope of work and/or APE, further review will be required due to potential cultural sensitivity of undisturbed areas.

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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