

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
South End Water System Upgrades
DWSRF Loan RF3-490

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 South End water system upgrades 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 includes the installation of new ductile iron distribution main to replace existing, undersized mains. Improvements to the water system will serve the south side of the Town of Bennington and will address inadequate water pressure under peak and maximum flow conditions. Water main will be installed along Jefferson Heights, Merson Street, Crescent Boulevard, Margaret Lane, Stonehedge Drive, Putnam Street and Weeks Street.

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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