

DWSRF

Categorical Exclusion without submittal of an Environmental Report Checklist

Certain DWSRF funded project actions eligible for categorical exclusion do not require the Responsible Official to document a determination that a categorical exclusion applies. This completed and signed checklist is the documentation necessary when all of the conditions below apply (in the affirmative) with WID concurrence.

Project Name **Process Controls & SCADA Upgrade**
 Project Municipality Location Name **Champlain Water District**
 DWSRF Loan#1 **TBD**
 DWSRF Loan#2
 Project Authorized Contact **Nathan Pion, PE, Director of Engineerin**

CATEX date **11/28/2023**
 CATEX expiration **11/28/28**

	Y	N	WID
Q1: actions relating to or conducted completely within a permanent, existing contained facility, such as a laboratory, or other enclosed building, provided that reliable and scientifically-sound methods are used to appropriately dispose of wastes and safeguards exist to prevent hazardous, toxic, and radioactive materials in excess of allowable limits from entering the environment.	☐	☐	☒
Q2: actions will not alter the discharge conditions of the drinking water facility NPDES permit.	☐	☐	☒
Q3: action relating to handling and disposal of any and all hazardous waste is in compliance with RCRA law and facility permit conditions.	☐	☐	☒
Q4: action will not involve any earthwork outside the footprint of the existing contained facility.	☐	☐	☒
Q5: action is or will be approved under the Permit to Construct.	☐	☐	☒
Q6: action will not take place in a 500 yr floodplain	☐	☐	☒

The water system improvement projects are eligible for a categorical exclusion per 40 CFR Part 6.204, Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Assessing the Environmental Effects Abroad of EPA Actions, and the Vermont State Environmental Review Process (SERP). This finding is based on my review of the project which confirms it will be confined to the existing building with no environmental or archaeological impacts outside the building's interior footprint.

Signature by Responsible Official

Eric Blatt,
 Director of Engineering
 Water Investment Division
 Vermont ANR

11/29/2023

Signature by Authorized Representative

Nate Pion
 11/28/2023

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

Champlain Water District, WSID #VT005092
Burlington, VT
SCADA and Controls Upgrade Project
DWSRF Loan RF3-TBD

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 Champlain Water District Water System, headquartered at 403 Queen City Park Rd in South Burlington, VT has requested its proposed SCADA and Controls Upgrade project be evaluated for eligibility for a categorical exclusion exempting the project from detailed environmental procedures required for projects having a significant environmental impact.

Champlain Water District (CWD) plans to complete a comprehensive process controls and SCADA upgrade at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and at remote locations system wide (excluding the Williston South Meter Vault).

Our consideration of CWD's request included reviewing environmental information and documentation completed and submitted by their Nate Pion, Director of Engineering. At the completion of this independent evaluation, the Department 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. Any work at the Williston South Meter Vault will need to perform a FONSI process due to the location of that infrastructure in the floodway.

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
Department of Environmental Conservation
Jason Batchelder, Commissioner

By  11/29/2023
Eric Blatt, P.E., Director of Engineering
Water Investment Division

EB/LWC 

cc: Amy Galford, DW Project Developer
Nate Pion, CWD