

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

Middlebury Water Department, WSID #5004
Middlebury, VT
Chipman Hill Water Storage Tank
DWSRF Loan RF3-478

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 Middlebury Water Department/Middlebury Town, located in Middlebury, VT has requested its proposed Chipman Hill Water Storage Tank Project be evaluated for eligibility for a categorical exclusion exempting the project from detailed environmental procedures required for projects having a significant environmental impact.

This project scope includes the construction of a 1.3 MG precast, prestressed, above-ground concrete water storage tank with associated site improvements.

The tank will be constructed on Town property at the exact location of the original open reservoir that was removed from service in 1979 when the adjacent Chipman Hill Water Storage Tank was constructed. The new tank has a smaller footprint compared to the open reservoir, which will be filled as part of the site restoration.

Our consideration of Middlebury Water Department's request included reviewing environmental information and documentation completed and submitted by their engineering consultant, Dufresne Group Consulting Engineers. 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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Jason Batchelder, Commissioner

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