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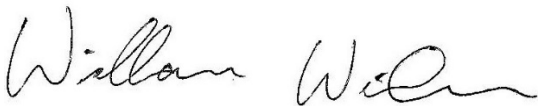
Subject: Acceptance of U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development; Categorical Exclusion
East Berkshire Fire District #1; Fiscal Year 2017 Water System Improvements (RF3-568)

Overview: This memo serves as formal acceptance of the categorical exclusion from detailed environmental review determination conducted by the USDA Vermont Rural Development for the East Berkshire FD#1, FY17 Water System Improvements Project. The review, which was completed on May 15, 2017 has been thoroughly assessed, and it is determined that it meets the necessary requirements for a Categorical Exclusion under the Vermont Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund - State Environmental Review Procedure.

Background: This project was funded by USDA Rural Development and is going to be refinanced under a Vermont DWSRF loan (RF3-568). Prior to issuing the loan the USDA RD Categorical Exclusion determination was reviewed for conformance with the Vermont State Environmental Review Procedure.

Acceptance: After review of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Categorical Exclusion Form, Environmental Review Package and PER acceptance, Vermont DWSRF has determined that this project meets the requirements of exclusion from a detailed environmental review as outlined in the Vermont Drinking Water State Environmental Review Procedure Section VII. This environmental review is greater than 5 years old and is therefore being both reaffirmed under Section VII(f)(2) and accepted under Section VII(b); this memo serves to accept the previously issued USDA RD Catex.

If there are any questions or further discussions needed regarding the acceptance of the environmental review, please feel free to reach out.



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