

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

Fair Haven Water Department, WSID #VT0005218
Fair Haven, VT
Town of Fair Haven - Main, Prospect, and Washington Street Water System Improvements
DWSRF Loan RF3-472

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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 Fair Haven Water Department, located in Fair Haven, VT has requested its proposed Town of Fair Haven - Main, Prospect, and Washington Street Water System Improvements 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 approximately 650 linear feet of 8" ductile iron water main on Washington Street (Route 22A), which includes 55 linear feet of the water main installed via jack and bored in 24" steel sleeve, new water services, new fire hydrant, and appurtenant work. The project also includes installation of approximately 1050 linear feet of 8" ductile iron water main on Main Street and Prospect Street, including 100 feet of 8" pre-insulated ductile iron water main installed along a bridge, new water services, fire hydrants, and appurtenant work. Proposed waterlines will replace existing lines with a larger diameter than existing.

Our consideration of Town of Fair Haven's request included reviewing environmental information and documentation completed and submitted by their engineering consultant, Aldrich + Elliot. The evaluation also included consultation with Vermont Division for Historic Preservation and Agency departments such as the Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division. 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 Area of Environmental Effect, further review will be required. The Town of Fair Haven and all contractors on their behalf are directed to follow the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians Policy for Treatment and Disposition of Human Remains and Cultural Items that may be discovered inadvertently during planned activities.

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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