



Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

EC7 Water Investment Division

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Agency of Natural Resources

Judy Frazier, Town Manager
Authorized Representative
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Proctor, Vermont 05765

September 4, 2025

**Re: Categorical Exclusion from Detailed Environmental Review
 Town of Proctor, WWTF Upgrade Project, Lagoons 1 and 2 Sludge Removal
 Vermont/USEPA Clean Water Revolving Loan Number RF1-325**

Dear Ms. Frazier:

The Department of Environmental Conservation has determined that the Town of Proctor's proposed Lagoons 1 and 2 sludge removal portion of the Proctor WWTF Upgrade Project may be excluded from the detailed environmental review procedures that are required for projects that have environmental effects. The Department's (Clean Water) environmental review procedures require a 30 day public comment period following the issuance of a Notice of Determination of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion. If no public comments received during that period demonstrate that this Determination is in error, then the Categorical Exclusion exempting the project from detailed review will become effective.

Copies of documents supporting a Categorical Exclusion are enclosed. Please keep copies of the enclosed documents available for public inspection during a public comment period of 30 days. A full listing of the documents that must be available for public inspection is attached.

Please note that this Categorical Exclusion determination applies only to the Lagoons 1 and 2 Sludge Removal portion and not the entire Proctor WWTF Upgrade Project.

The attached Notice of Determination of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion must be posted in manners that allow the public to be aware of the project and the Categorical Exclusion determination.

Proctor, Vermont
Lagoon 1 and 2 sludge removal portion of the Proctor WWTF Upgrade Project
Categorical Exclusion from Detailed Environmental Review

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at jeff.fehrs@vermont.gov or (802) 798-209.

Sincerely,



Jeff Fehrs, P.E., Supervisor
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Documents Enclosed for Categorical Exclusion Public Comment Period (30 days)

1. *"Notice of Determination of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion"*

Additional Documents Needed for Categorical Exclusion Public Comment Period (30 days)

1. ***"Environmental Review Procedures for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/EPA Revolving Loan Program"***. Link to download this document:
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=129684&DVID=0>
2. ***"Non-EID Categorical Exclusion Checklist for CWSRF Loan Funded Projects"*** for the Lagoons 1 and 2 Sludge Removal portion of the Proctor WWTF Upgrade Project. Link to download this document:
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=214878&DVID=0>

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Town of Proctor

WWTF Upgrade Project, Lagoons 1 and 2 Sludge Removal

Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Fund Loan Number RF1-325

In accordance with section VII of the Department's *"Environmental Review Procedures for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/ EPA Revolving Loan Program"*, the Town of Proctor has requested that its proposed Lagoon 1 and 2 sludge removal portion of the Proctor WWTF Upgrade Project be evaluated for eligibility for a Categorical Exclusion from the detailed environmental review that is described in the Procedures and required for projects with significant environmental effects.

Consideration of the requests for Categorical Exclusion included a review of the following documents:

- **Non-EID Categorical Exclusion Checklist for CWSRF Loan Funded Projects** signed by Judy Frazier, Town Manager and Authorized Representative for the Proctor WWTF Upgrade Project. Link to download this document: <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=214878&DVID=0>

Upon completion of its independent evaluation, the Department has determined that the proposed project meets the criteria for issuance of a Categorical Exclusion. This determination applies only to the Lagoons 1 and 2 Sludge Removal portion and not the entire Proctor WWTF Upgrade Project.

Further information on the project and this Determination is available for inspection at the following locations:

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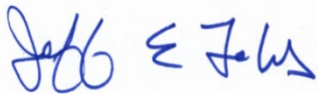
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(Note: National Life requires photo identification to obtain an access badge for entry.)

No significant administrative action will be taken on this project for thirty (30) days from issuance of this Notice of Determination, to allow for public response.



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Date

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