



Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

Agency of Natural Resources

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David Harvey, Hyde Park Fire District#1
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January 31, 2025
Expiration Date: January 31, 2030

**Re: Water Systems Improvements Project
Vermont/ USEPA Drinking Water Revolving Loan Number (Pending); WID VT0005153**

Notice of Intent to Issue a Finding of No Significant Impact

Dear Dave Harvey:

The Department of Environmental Conservation intends to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the Water Systems Improvements Project.

The project has positive environmental impacts consisting of Hydropneumatic Tank Replacement, New Propane Generator, and Upgrades for community water services.

This project additionally involves potential impacts with migratory birds, and eagles. Mitigation during construction, in compliance with federal Fish and Wildlife (IPAC) guidance, will be implemented.

Otherwise, this project may have been eligible for Categorical Exclusion from detailed environmental review; additionally, the direct and indirect environmental effects of the project are still not significant enough to necessitate an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The Department's environmental review procedures require a 30-day public comment period following the issuance of a Notice of Intent to Issue a Finding of No Significant Impact. If no public comments received during that period demonstrate that this Notice of Intent is in error, then the Finding of No Significant Impact will become effective.

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Copies of documents supporting a Finding of No Significant Impact are enclosed. Please keep copies of the enclosed documents, along with any pertinent reports by your consulting engineers, 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 call, 802 522-5564, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

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Hugo Martinez Cazon, PE
Design Engineer
Water Investment Division

Enclosures

Documents Posted for Finding of No Significant Impact Public Comment Period (30 days)

1. Notice of Intent to Issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (Signed by Eric Blatt, P.E., Director I, Water Investment Division, enclosed.)
2. Evaluation of Eligibility for Finding of No Significant Impact (Approved by Eric Blatt, P.E., Director I, Water Investment Division, enclosed.)
3. State Environmental Review Procedures for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/ EPA Revolving Loan Program, <http://dec.vermont.gov/facilities-engineering/water-financing/srf/environmental-review>

Additional Documents Needed for Finding of No Significant Impact Public Comment Period (30 days)

4. Environmental Information Document titled "*Environmental Report and Environmental Information Document*", and dated 12/31/2024, by DuBois & King.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=211502&DVID=0>
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=211503&DVID=0>
5. Preliminary Engineering Report and approval letter dated 1/31/2024, for the PER by DuBois & King.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=211540&DVID=0>
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=211504&DVID=0>

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**Village of Hyde Park Fire District #1
Water System Improvements Project**

Vermont/ USEPA Drinking Water Revolving Loan Number: Pending

In accordance with section VII of the Department's *"Environmental Review Procedures for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/EPA Revolving Loan Program"*, the Department of Environmental Conservation intends to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the proposed Water System Improvement Project. This project involves backup power improvements, storage tank replacement.

Under the Procedure, the project is ineligible for Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) from detailed environmental review. The project involves potential impacts to migratory birds, bald and gold eagles and therefore exceeds the threshold for CATEX.

Also, the direct and indirect environmental effects of the project are not significant enough to necessitate an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), under the Department's environmental review procedures.

Consideration of the FNSI included a review of the following documents:

- **Environmental Information Document (EID)** dated 12/31/2024, by DuBois & King.

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Further information on the project and this Notice of Intent is available for inspection at the following locations:

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

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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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Eric Blatt, P.E., Director I
Water Investment Division

2/4/2025

Date

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TO: Eric Blatt, P.E., Director I, Water Investment Division

FROM: Hugo Martinez Cazon, PE
Design Engineer, Water Investment Division

SUBJECT: Hyde Park Fire District #1
Water System Improvements Project
Environmental Assessment
evaluation of eligibility for Finding of No Significant Impact

DATE: January 31, 2025

A. Project Identification

Project Name: Hyde Park Fire District #1
Water System Improvements

Address: David Harvey, Authorized Representative
PO BOX 25
NORTH HYDE PARK
VT 05665

Project Location: North Hyde Park, Vermont
The project specific location for SPAN 306-097-10622: North Hyde Park, between #5186 and #5188 Rte 100, Gihon River watershed (VT07-15), located North of the intersection of Rte 100C and Rte 100.

Vermont/ USEPA Drinking Water Revolving Loan Number: **Pending**

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B. Summary of Environmental Review

The Department of Environmental Conservation, Water Investment Division, has reviewed this proposed project in accordance with the Department's State Environmental Review Procedures for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/ EPA Revolving Loan Program.

The Department has reviewed the following planning documents:

- Environmental Information Document titled "Environmental Report and Environmental Information Document", and dated 12/31/2024, by DuBois & King.
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A Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) is the appropriate environmental review response for this project if the issues presented can be resolved with mitigation or permits. This project is not eligible for Categorical Exclusion from detailed environmental review due to the mitigation measures for the potential impacts to migratory birds and the bald and golden eagles. Also, the project's direct and indirect environmental effects do not necessitate issuance of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), consistent with the criteria as described in section XI of the Department's environmental review procedures.

1. Project Description

The Hyde Park Fire District #1 is located in Lamoille County, Vermont in the Gihon River major watershed.

The Water System Improvements include storage tank replacement and backup power to upgrade project elements in Fire District #1 area in Hyde Park, Vermont. Existing infrastructure is past its service life. The project will provide backup power ensuring drinking water supply.

This work is expected to be constructed with Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan.

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Eligibility for Drinking Water revolving loan (DWSRF) construction funding will be limited to the eligible Drinking Water work as detailed in the Preliminary Engineering Report and to physical areas cleared through this environmental review process.

The contract documents will contain standard requirements to limit hours of construction and to control noise, dust and discharges of stormwater runoff or pollutants during construction.

2. Justification for Finding of No Significant Impact

We have determined that the proposed project meets the criteria for issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact.

This project involves mitigation measures for the potential impacts to migratory birds and the bald and golden eagles.

Otherwise, this project may have been eligible for Categorical Exclusion from detailed environmental review; additionally, the direct and indirect environmental effects of the project are still not significant enough to necessitate an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

A public hearing will be held by February 28, 2025 at a warned time and at a public location as part of this FNSI process and the public comments received will be responded.