



Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

*Agency of Natural Resources*

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4/9/2026  
Expiration Date: 4/9/2031

**Re: Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Project  
Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Loan Number RF1-366**

**Notice of Intent to Issue a Finding of No Significant Impact**

Dear Mary Ann Goulette:

The Department of Environmental Conservation intends to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Project.

The project has positive environmental impacts consisting of upgrading equipment within the West Rutland Wastewater Treatment Facility to prevent failure. This may prevent public or environmental health impacts due to failed equipment.

This project additionally involves impacts including construction within the 100-year and 500-year floodplains.

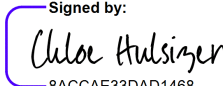
Otherwise, this project may have been eligible for Categorical Exclusion from detailed environmental review; additionally, the direct and indirect environmental effects of the project are still not significant enough to necessitate an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

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 list of the documents that must be available for public inspection is attached. Please call (802) 522-3562 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Signed by:  
  
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Chloe Hulsizer  
Environmental Analyst IV  
Water Investment Division

4/9/2026

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 Emily Bird, Director, Water Investment Division, enclosed.)
2. Evaluation of Eligibility for Finding of No Significant Impact (Approved by Emily Bird, Director, Water Investment Division, enclosed.)
3. State Environmental Review Procedures for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/ EPA Revolving Loan Program, <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/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 3/11/2026, by Craig Jewett, PE.  
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=218904&DVID=0>
5. Environmental Information Document Appendices, by Craig Jewett, PE.  
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=218905&DVID=0>
6. Preliminary Engineering Report entitled "*Town of West Rutland Wastewater Treatment Facility West Rutland, Vermont 20-Year Evaluation*", and dated January 2022, by Otter Creek Engineering. <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=194098&DVID=0>
7. Section 106 Project Review Form dated 3/2/2026 by Scott Dillion.  
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=219462&DVID=0>

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**Heather Collins and Aaron Krymkowski**, Wastewater Program, VT-DEC  
**Terry Shearer**, Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division, VT-DEC  
**Scott Dillon and Elizabeth Peebles**, Division for Historic Preservation, ACCD  
**Craig Jewett, PE**, MSK Engineering  
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Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade**

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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 (FONSI) for the proposed Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Project. This project involves various upgrades for rehabilitation of the existing Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) in West Rutland, Vermont. These upgrades include an upgrade of the WWTF's control system, a replacement of the electrical and mechanical components that are beyond their useful life, and necessary structural improvements and repairs.

Under the Procedure, the project is ineligible for Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) from detailed environmental review. The project involves impacts including construction within the 100-year and 500-year floodplains 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. The project will not increase the current permitted flow capacity of the treatment plant, and the project will not include sewer extensions.

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

- **Environmental Information Document** (EID) signed 3/11/2026, by Craig Jewett, PE, of West Lebanon, NH. <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=218904&DVID=0>
- **Environmental Information Document Appendices**, by Craig Jewett, PE. <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=218905&DVID=0>

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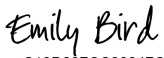
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No significant administrative action will be taken on this project for thirty (30) days from issuance of this Notice of Determination, to allow for public response.

Signed by:

  
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Emily Bird, Director  
Water Investment Division

4/9/2026

Date

Department of Environmental Conservation  
Vermont Agency of Natural Resources



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TO: Emily Bird, Director, Water Investment Division <sup>Initial</sup>  4/9/2026

FROM: Chloe Hulsizer,  
Environmental Analyst IV, Water Investment Division <sup>Initial</sup>  4/9/2026

SUBJECT: Town of West Rutland  
Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Project

**Evaluation of Eligibility for Finding of No Significant Impact**

DATE: 4/9/2026

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A. Project Identification

Project Name: Town of West Rutland  
Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade

Address: Mary Ann Goulette, Authorized Representative  
Town of West Rutland  
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Project Location: Town of West Rutland, Vermont  
The proposed upgrades for this project will take place at the existing Wastewater Treatment Facility in West Rutland, Vermont, which is located in the Otter Creek watershed.

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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 3/11/2026, by Craig Jewett, PE.  
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=218904&DVID=0>
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A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) 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 potential impacts including construction within the 100-year and 500-year floodplains. 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 Town of West Rutland is located in Rutland County, Vermont in the Otter Creek major watershed.

This project involves various upgrades for rehabilitation of the existing Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) in West Rutland, Vermont. These upgrades include an upgrade of the WWTF’s control system, a replacement of the electrical and mechanical components that are beyond their useful life, and necessary structural improvements and repairs. The WWTF completed a required evaluation of the facility after 20 years of operation. Several deficiencies at the WWTF were identified in this 20-year evaluation, including elements that are either approaching or beyond their useful life. These deficiencies will be addressed in this project in order to prevent future failure of equipment and any public health or environmental risks associated with failure.

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

Eligibility for clean water revolving loan (CWSRF) construction funding will be limited to the eligible clean 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 construction within the 100-year and 500-year floodplains.

Mitigation measures include:

1. **Flood Risk Management:** The placement of temporary gravel for heavy machinery and construction access is permitted on a temporary (180 days) basis. No staging or temporary storage of any other materials is permitted. At a minimum, permanent signage should be added both inside and outside of the control building clearly indicating the flood elevations. The WWTF will be located above the 100-year and 500-year flood elevation. Measures will preserve or reduce the pre-construction ground elevation.
2. **Dust and Noise:** Practices to limit these impacts will be required, such as: regular sweeping, erosion prevention and sediment control measures, or water application, and work will be limited to normal 7 am to 5 pm weekday working hours.

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).

Specifically, the project will not increase the design hydraulic capacity of the wastewater treatment plant by more than 20 percent, and it will not increase the design organic treatment capacity (equivalent population served) by more than 30 percent. The project does not include sewer extensions.



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The project will not create a new permanent discharge of stormwater or treated wastewater to surface waters or groundwater, and there will be no increase of effluent pollutant loadings (pounds per day) permitted to be discharged from associated wastewater treatment plant.

A public hearing will be held on April 13, 2026 at the West Rutland Select Board meeting as part of this FONSI process.