

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

Brighton Water System, WSID #5105
Brighton, VT
Water Source and Treatment Upgrades Project
DWSRF Loan RF3-448

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 Brighton Water System, located in Brighton, VT has requested its proposed Water Source and Treatment Upgrades Project be evaluated for eligibility for a categorical exclusion exempting the project from detailed environmental procedures required for projects having a significant environmental impact.

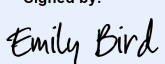
This project involves various upgrades at the North Water Treatment Plant and the South Water Treatment Plant in Brighton, VT. This includes the replacement of the 5,000-foot raw water transmission main that travels from the Pine Creek intake to the South Water Treatment Plant. The project additionally involves upgrades within the North and South Water Treatment Plants, including various water treatment upgrades, new controls, and miscellaneous process equipment replacement.

The project involves mitigation measures, detailed in the [Environmental Information Document](#) (EID), which the owner has agreed to implement as part of their federal funding.

Our consideration of Brighton Water System's request included reviewing the EID completed and submitted by the consultant, Aldrich + Elliott. 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 Potential Effect, further review will be required due to potential cultural sensitivity of undisturbed areas. The Brighton Water System 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
Department of Environmental Conservation
Misty Sinsigalli, Commissioner

Signed by:

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Emily Bird, Director
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Dated 6/29/2026

Documents Needed For Categorical Exclusion

1. **Environmental Information Document (EID)** signed 7/29/2025, by Nathan Pion, PE, of Aldrich + Elliott.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=220609&DVID=0>
2. **Environmental Information Document Appendices**, titled "Town of Brighton – Water Source and Treatment Plant Upgrades, EID," by Aldrich + Elliott.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=219118&DVID=0>
3. **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.**
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=214527&DVID=0>
4. **Environmental Review Determination Notice Page**, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/water-financing/srf/environmental-review>.
5. **Section 106 Project Review Form – South Raw Water Transmission Main Replacement**, dated 6/8/2026. <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=220612&DVID=0>
6. **Section 106 Project Review Form – North Reservoir Liner**, dated 6/22/2026.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=220613&DVID=0>

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