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Agency of Natural Resources

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108 Shed Road
Berlin, VT, 05602

7/8/2026
Expiration Date: 7/8/2031

**Re: Route 302 Pump Station Upgrade Project
Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Loan Number RF1-398**

Notice of Intent to Issue a Finding of No Significant Impact

Dear Craig Pelletier:

The Department of Environmental Conservation intends to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Route 302 Pump Station Upgrade Project.

The project has positive environmental impacts consisting of updating the Main Pump Station's equipment in order to prevent any failure resulting in the release of untreated wastewater into the environment.

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

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 4/8/2026, by Josh Glazer, EI.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=219752&DVID=0>
5. Environmental Information Document Appendices, by Aldrich + Elliott.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=219753&DVID=0>
6. Preliminary Engineering Report entitled "*Town of Berlin Vermont Asset Management Plan Draft Report*", and dated January 2023, by Weston & Sampson.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=215799&DVID=0>

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7. Memorandum entitled "*Proposed Project – Town of Berlin Route 302 Pump Station Improvements*," and dated 10/15/2025, by Michael Mainer, PE.

<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=215801&DVID=0>

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Heather Collins, Wastewater Program, VT-DEC

Eric Deratzian, Regional Engineer, VT-DEC, Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division

Scott Dillon and Elizabeth Peebles, Division for Historic Preservation, ACCD

Michael Mainer, PE, & Josh Glazer, EI, Aldrich + Elliott, PC

Kenneth Bisceglia, PE, & Lynnette Claudon, PE, Water Investment Division, VT-DEC

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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 Route 302 Pump Station Upgrade Project. This project involves upgrading Berlin's Main Pump Station to a submersible pump station. This will involve constructing an extension to the existing precast concrete wet well, the installation of two submersible solids handling pumps, and the construction of an above-grade structure to hold controls and a by-pass pumping connection.

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 4/8/2026, by Josh Glazer, EI, of Essex Junction, VT. <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=219752&DVID=0>
- Environmental Information Document Appendices, by Aldrich + Elliott. <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=219753&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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publicworks@berlinvt.gov

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

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6 Market Place, Suite 2
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mmainer@Aeengineers.com

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:



Emily Bird, Director

Water Investment Division

7/8/2026

Date

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TO: Emily Bird, Director, Water Investment Division ^{Initial}  7/8/2026

FROM: Chloe Hulsizer,
Environmental Analyst IV, Water Investment Division ^{Initial}  7/8/2026

SUBJECT: Town of Berlin
Route 302 Pump Station Upgrade Project

Evaluation of Eligibility for Finding of No Significant Impact

DATE: 7/8/2026

A. Project Identification

Project Name: Town of Berlin
Route 302 Pump Station Upgrade

Address: Craig Pelletier, Authorized Representative
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Project Location: Town of Berlin, Vermont
This project involves upgrading the Main Pump Station located on Route 302 in Berlin, VT, in the Winooski River 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 dated 4/8/2026, by Josh Glazer, EI.
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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 Berlin is located in Washington County, Vermont in the Winooski River major watershed.

This project involves upgrading Berlin’s Main Pump Station to a submersible pump station. This will involve constructing an extension to the existing precast concrete wet well, the installation of two submersible solids handling pumps, and the construction of an above-grade structure to hold controls and a bypass pumping connection. The proposed project will provide upgrades to the pump station while making it safer for routine access by converting it to a submersible pump station. The project will

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additionally upgrade the pump station to prevent any failure resulting in the release of untreated wastewater into the environment.

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-day) basis. No staging or temporary storage of any other materials is permitted. Non-immersible equipment will be located above the 500-year flood elevation. The wet well and all other portions of the project within the 100-year flood elevation are fully submersible. 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, calcium chloride 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 July 13, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Berlin Selectboard meeting as part of this FONSI process.