



Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

EC7 Water Investment Division

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Agency of Natural Resources

David Lewis, Prudential Committee Chair
Authorized Representative
Sherburne Fire District #1
PO Box 429
Killington, VT, 05751

7/17/2026

**Re: Sherburne Fire District #1, Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements RBC Replacement
Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Loan Number RF1-373**

Categorical Exclusion from Detailed Environmental Review

Dear David:

The Department of Environmental Conservation has determined that the Fire District's proposed Sherburne Fire District #1, Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements RBC Replacement 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 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.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to send an email to Chloe.Hulsizer@Vermont.gov.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chloe Hulsizer".

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Chloe Hulsizer

Environmental Analyst IV
Water Investment Division

Sherburne Fire District #1, Vermont

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Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements RBC Replacement

Notice of Determination of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion from Detailed Environmental Review

Documents Enclosed for Categorical Exclusion Public Comment Period (30 days)

1. *"Notice of Determination of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion"*
(Signed by Emily Bird, Director, Water Investment Division.)
2. *"Evaluation of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion"*
(Approved by Emily Bird, Director, Water Investment Division.)

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"*, <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=129684&DVID=0>
2. **Preliminary Engineering Report** (PER) entitled "Preliminary Engineering Report for Wastewater Treatment Facility" and dated May 13, 2025, by Dufresne Group of Springfield, VT.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=215649&DVID=0>
3. **Environmental Information Document** (EID) signed 6/4/2026, by Tim Knapp, PE, of Springfield, VT.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=220364&DVID=0>
4. **Environmental Information Document Appendices**, by Dufresne Group of Springfield, VT.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=220348&DVID=0>

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Tim Knapp, PE & Naomi Johnson, PE, Dufresne Group

John Gates, Chief Operator, Sherburne FD #1 Wastewater Facility

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Notice of Determination of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion

Sherburne Fire District #1

Sherburne Fire District #1, Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements RBC Replacement Project

Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Fund Loan Number RF1-373

In accordance with section VII of the Department's "*Environmental Review Procedures for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/ EPA Revolving Loan Program*", the Sherburne Fire District #1 has requested that its proposed Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements RBC Replacement 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:

- **Environmental Information Document (EID)** signed 6/4/2026, by Tim Knapp, PE, of Springfield, VT.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=220364&DVID=0>
- **Environmental Information Document Appendices**, by Dufresne Group of Springfield, VT.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=220348&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.

Specifically, the project will not increase the permitted annual average flow capacity of the existing Sherburne Fire District #1 Wastewater Treatment Facility, and it will not increase permitted pounds of pollutants that may be discharged by that plant. Also, the project will not increase the design organic (equivalent population) treatment capacity of the wastewater treatment plant. The project will not add a new permanent discharge of stormwater or treated wastewater to surface waters or groundwater. Further, the project does not involve (create) serious local or environmental issues or meet any of the criteria that would result in denial of an Exclusion, nor does the project meet the definition of sewer extension.

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

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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

7/24/2026
Date

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TO: Emily Bird, Director, Water Investment Division ^{Initial}  7/24/2026

FROM: Chloe Hulsizer
Environmental Analyst IV, Water Investment Division ^{Initial}  7/17/2026

SUBJECT: Sherburne Fire District #1
Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements RBC Replacement Project

Evaluation of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion
from Detailed Environmental Review

DATE: 7/17/2026

A. Project Identification

Project Name: Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements RBC Replacement Project

Address:

David Lewis, Prudential Committee Chair
Authorized Representative
Sherburne Fire District #1
PO Box 429
Killington, VT, 05751

Project Location: This project involves the upgrade of the WWTF at 107 Dean Hill Road in Sherburne Fire District #1, Killington, VT. Sherburne Fire District #1 is located in the Connecticut River Watershed.

Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Loan Number RF1-373

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B. Summary of Environmental Review

In accordance with section VII of the Department's *"Environmental Review Procedures for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/EPA Revolving Loan Program"*, the Sherburne Fire District #1 has requested that the proposed Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements RBC Replacement 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.

The applicant's request and the following planning document have been reviewed, and our findings are summarized below:

Environmental Information Document (EID) signed 6/4/2026, by Tim Knapp, PE, of Springfield, VT.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=220364&DVID=0>

1. Project Description

The Sherburne Fire District #1 is located in Rutland County, Vermont.

This project involves various improvements within the WWTF in Sherburne Fire District #1. These improvements include the replacement of the RBC units and their drives, the repair of the existing concrete tankage, the replacement of the slide gates in the RBC channels, and the replacement of the RBC disconnect switches. The project is needed to replace components that are beyond their useful life within the WWTF and to reduce failure of this equipment.

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 Categorical Exclusion

We have determined that the proposed project meets the criteria for issuance of a Categorical Exclusion.

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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 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.

The project is not expected to adversely affect wetlands, wetlands buffer zones, floodplains, historic sites, archeological sites, habitats of threatened or endangered species, or other environmentally or culturally sensitive areas.

The project does not involve serious local or environmental issues or meet any of the criteria that would result in denial of a Categorical Exclusion.