

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

Mountainside Resort, WSID #5165
Stowe, VT
Stowe Water Interconnect Project
DWSRF Loan RF3-585

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 Mountainside Resort, located in Stowe, VT has requested its proposed Stowe Water Interconnect 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 the connection of the Mountainside Resort water system to the Town of Stowe municipal water system due to PFAS contamination in Mountainside Resort's source well. Mountainside Resort will continue to operate the existing distribution system, however, water from the Stowe water system will be piped into a new booster pumping system to convey the water to the Mountainside Resort reservoir. The existing source well will be abandoned.

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 Mountainside Resort's request included reviewing the EID completed and submitted by the consultant, Weston & Sampson. 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 Mountainside Resort 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

Dated 7/24/2026

Water Investment Division

Documents Needed For Categorical Exclusion

1. **Environmental Information Document** (EID) signed 7/8/2026, by Steven LaRosa, of Weston & Sampson. <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=220878&DVID=0>
2. **Environmental Information Document Appendices**, by Steven LaRosa of Weston & Sampson. <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=220879&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>.

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