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BOSTON, MA 02109

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Steven Button
Chief Operator
Town of Troy
142 Main Street
North Troy, Vermont 05859

Re: Categorical Exclusion, FY2026 Community Grant for Town of Troy for Waterline Replacement Project in the Town of Troy, VT.

Dear Mr. Button:

In accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations for implementing the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), EPA is issuing a categorical exclusion (CATEX), pursuant to 40 CFR § 6.204, for a Waterline Replacement Project in the Town of Troy, VT. The Town of Troy is seeking federal funds through an EPA Community Grant to replace waterlines on South Pleasant Street between Route 101 and Mill Street in Troy, Vermont. The 6-inch ductile iron water main will be removed and replaced with approximately 950 linear feet of 8-inch PVC water main via open trench excavation. The existing curb stops and approximately 17 service connections along the project area will be replaced to the edge of the right-of-way. Portions of the existing water main will be abandoned in place due to the presence of asbestos pipe.

After reviewing the environmental aspect of the project, EPA has determined that the project meets the CATEX eligibility criteria found in 40 CFR § 6.204(a)(1)(ii) since it involves minor rehabilitation and replacement of the existing system and its components (the system to distribute drinking water to the City's residents). The project will take place on public right of ways (City streets) and on private property where lead service lines are present.

This project does not involve new or relocated discharges to surface or ground water, an increase in the volume or loading of pollutants to receiving water, or an increase in the capacity to serve a population 30 percent greater than the existing population. Further, it is not contrary to any state or regional growth plan or strategy; and it is not primarily for the purpose of future development.

EPA has concluded that the project will not cause significant adverse effects. EPA finds that the proposed action is eligible for exclusion from detailed environmental review under 40 CFR § 6.204(a)(1) and will not involve any of the extraordinary circumstances delineated under 40 CFR § 6.204(b)(1) through (b)(10). Consequently, EPA will not prepare an environmental impact statement or an environmental assessment for the proposed project. EPA may revoke this CATEX if new information

or changes in the proposed action involve or relate to at least one of the extraordinary circumstances or otherwise indicate that the action may not meet the criteria for a CATEX.

As the Responsible Official, I have determined that this action is eligible for a CATEX per the substantive environmental review requirements under EPA regulations at 40 CFR § 6.204.

This CATEX is available for public viewing at EPA's website, <https://cdxapps.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-II/public/action/nepa/search>, and has also been sent to the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. Please note that we require all applicants to maintain a copy of this CATEX in the office of the authorized representative for inspection by any interested persons. If any such inspection results in dissatisfaction with the way the environmental effects have been addressed, our office should be notified immediately so that we can determine if modifications to the project are warranted.

Should you have any questions regarding this decision, please contact Camilla Kuo-Dahab at kuodahab.camilla@epa.gov or 617-918-1069.

Sincerely,

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Water Division

ENCLOSURES

1. CATEX Review Form and Attachment

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