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8/14/2026

Expiration Date: 8/14/2031

**Re: Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Upgrade and Expansion Project
Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Loan Numbers RF1-229 and RF1-390
Finding of No Significant Impact and Approval of Facilities Plan Reaffirmation**

Dear Todd Odit:

In accordance with section VII of the Department's *Vermont/EPA Clean Water/Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program*, the Department of Environmental Conservation intends to reaffirm the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed Hinesburg Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Upgrade and Expansion project. This project consists of multiple phases. Phase 1 involves the cleaning of lagoon 1 and wick drain consolidation. Phase 2 involves construction of a new sequenced batch reactor wastewater treatment facility and tertiary filtration process, the demolition of the existing lagoons, and floodplain restoration.

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was issued for this project on April 30, 2021, and expired on April 30, 2026. The 30-day public comment period for the FONSI for this project ended on 6/3/2021. One public comment was made by Carl Bohlen, who requested additional environmental review public postings at the local level, beyond what is required by the State Environmental Review Process (SERP). The Town agreed to make additional postings.

In order to proceed with future loan agreements, the project and environmental conditions were reviewed to renew the environmental determination. Upon review of the existing FONSI documentation, it was determined that a Finding of No Significant Impact is the appropriate environmental review response for this project, and the project can proceed without the need for any further environmental review. This project is not eligible for categorical exclusion from detailed environmental review because the project is known or expected to have environmental impacts. This project involves construction within the 100-year floodplain, potential impacts to wetlands, an increased volume of treated wastewater discharge, and stream alteration due to outfall refurbishment. The project's direct and indirect environmental effects do not meet criteria for issuance of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), as described in section XI of the Department's environmental review procedures.

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The Water Investment Division has completed its review of the following documents which support a reaffirmation of the Finding of No Significant Impact:

1. **Environmental Information Document** titled "*Environmental Report and Environmental Information Document*," and dated 4/1/2021, by Aldrich + Elliott, PC.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=189967&DVID=0>
2. **Preliminary Engineering Report** entitled "*Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade and Expansion Study*", and dated April 2020, by Aldrich + Elliott, PC.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=182447&DVID=0>
3. **Notice of Intent to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact**, dated April 30, 2021, by Lynnette Claudon, PE. <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=221693&DVID=0>
4. **Section 106 Project Review Form** (PRF) dated 4/30/2021, by the State Historic Preservation Office.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=189968&DVID=0>

Updated Mitigation Requirements:

1. **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.*
2. **Wetlands:** *For sub-jurisdictional activities, mitigation shall include, at a minimum, buffer demarcation during construction.*
3. **Flood Risk Management:** *The placement of temporary gravel for heavy machinery and construction access is permitted on a temporary (180 days) basis. No staging or temporary storage of any other materials is permitted. Lagoons 2 and 3A will be restored to floodway via removal of the existing berms. Measures will preserve or reduce the pre-construction ground elevation.*

This FONSI reaffirmation, along with future approval of construction contract documents, is needed to qualify the Town of Hinesburg for CWSRF construction funding. Such funding may or may not be available when the city is ready to proceed with construction of this project.

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Please call Chloe Hulsizer at (802) 522-3562 if you have any questions regarding this FONSI reaffirmation.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

Chloe Hulsizer

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**Chloe Hulsizer, Environmental Analyst IV
Water Investment Division**

Signed by:

Emily Bird

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