

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

Barnet Fire District #2, WSID #5029
Barnet, VT
EC PFAS Remediation by Anion Exchange Treatment
DWSRF Loan RF3-586

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 Barnet Fire District #2, located in Barnet, VT has requested its proposed EC PFAS Remediation by Anion Exchange Treatment Project be evaluated for eligibility for a categorical exclusion exempting the project from detailed environmental procedures required for projects having a significant environmental impact.

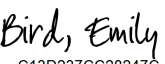
This project involves the installation of new water treatment processes at the existing drinking water treatment center at 306 Carter Street in Barnet, VT. Anion Exchange (AIX) treatment will be implemented to reduce PFAS concentrations from water produced by the well prior to entering the drinking water system's storage tanks.

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 Barnet Fire District #2's request included reviewing the EID completed and submitted by the consultant, MSK Engineers. 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. Barnet Fire District #2 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
Water Investment Division

Dated 9/25/2026

Documents Needed For Categorical Exclusion

1. **Environmental Information Document (EID)** signed 9/24/2026, by Patrick Smart, PE, of MSK Engineers.
2. **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>
3. **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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