

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE A CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

Whereas, the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management has reviewed for approval a request for a Categorical Exclusion determination for a Sewer Tie-In Loan Fund, proposed by the Town of North Smithfield, under the authority of Chapters 42-17.1 and 46-12 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, and has determined there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the project,

Therefore, the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management is hereby giving notice of intent to issue a Categorical Exclusion for the aforementioned contracts pursuant to the requirements and authority set forth in Chapter 46-12.2 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, and the "Rules and Regulations for the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) Program", dated September, 2001.

In accordance with Chapter 42-35-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, DEM has determined the projects identified for the Categorical Exclusion will not result in significant adverse economic impact on small businesses or cities and towns.

Copies of the Categorical Exclusion can be obtained by calling 277-3961 weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., downloaded from the internet at [www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/water/finance/srf/index.htm](http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/water/finance/srf/index.htm), or by writing to the Office of Water Resources, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767. All material submitted for review is available for public inspection during the above hours at the above location. Written comments on the Categorical Exclusion should be sent to the Office of Water Resources within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice.

A public hearing on the Categorical Exclusion will be held if DEM receives such requests from twenty-five (25) people, a governmental agency or subdivision, or an association having not less than twenty-five (25) members. If a public hearing is held, a public notice will be published announcing the date, time, and place of such hearing. A stenographic record of the hearing will be made and the public record will be kept open for seven (7) days following the conclusion of the public hearing to allow additional time for the submission of written comments. The location of the public hearing will be accessible to the handicapped. Interpreter services for the hearing impaired or audiotapes for the vision impaired will be made available.

Signed this sixth day of April, 2009.

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Angelo S. Liberti, P.E., Chief  
Office of Water Resources

Department of Environmental Management  
Office of Water Resources  
State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program

## **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

The Office of Water Resources has reviewed the proposed Sewer Tie-In Loan Fund as described by the Town of North Smithfield and has concluded that the above mentioned project qualifies for a CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION in accordance with the requirements of RIGL 46-12.2, as amended, and the "Rules and Regulations for the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program", dated September, 2001. The proposed project will not impact the environment either by itself or in combination with other projects, and the environmental information provided has met the statutory intent of the federal Clean Water Act environmental review requirements and is sufficient to issue a CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION.

Project Name: Sewer Tie-In Loan Fund

SRF Program Number: not assigned at this time

Project Location: Town of North Smithfield

Project Description: To connect homes into the sewer system.

Anticipated Environmental Impacts: Improvement to local surface and groundwater resources through the elimination of septic systems.

Required Mitigation Measures: NONE

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Office of Water Resources

ISSUANCE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_