

**Vermont Agency of Natural Resources  
Department of Environmental Conservation**

**NOTICE OF COMPLETED APPLICATION  
VERMONT TISSUE MILL HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT**

Carbon Zero, LLC of North Bennington, Vermont has applied for an amendment to the water quality certification originally issued by the Department of Environmental Conservation on February 27, 2013 for the licensing of the Vermont Tissue Mill Hydroelectric Project on the Walloomsac River in Bennington, Vermont. Specifically, the applicant seeks to reduce the conservation flow from 24 cfs to 15 cfs for the secondary bypass channel at the project. The project would continue to operate as run-of-river, so downstream flows and impoundment levels would not change. No other changes affecting water quality would occur.

As part of this process, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is reviewing a request for a Clean Water Act §401 Water Quality Certification, required pursuant to the provisions of Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act, 33 USC §1341.

The applicant must demonstrate that the project will be in compliance with the Vermont Water Quality Standards by not having an undue adverse impact on the aquatic environment, or the designated and existing uses of the waters of the State. DEC's tentative determination is to grant the certification amendment with a revised condition to mitigate impacts on water quality.

Persons having an interest in the project and the affected waters are encouraged to provide written statements and data that would bear on the water quality certification decision. Written comments will be accepted at the address below, or via email to [Jeff.Crocker@vermont.gov](mailto:Jeff.Crocker@vermont.gov), until the close of the public notice period, **Tuesday, July 29, 2016**. Upon a written request during the notice period specifying the person's interest and the reason a hearing is warranted, DEC will hold a hearing if it determines there is significant public interest.

Copies of the draft certification and Water Quality Standards are available by mail or on the DEC website: <http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/permits/public-notices/401>. For information on the application, access to related documents, or copies of the Water Quality Standards, interested persons should contact:

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