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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
DRAFT WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION #2022-001 FOR  
U.S. E.P.A. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)  
General Permit for Dewatering and Remediation Discharges – Vermont Permit #VTG910000**

On April 27, 2022, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requested that the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (Agency), Department of Environmental Conservation, review and grant certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act or waive its right to certify EPA's proposed draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Dewatering and Remediation Discharges – Vermont Permit #VTG910000.

Pursuant to Section 13.11 of the Vermont Water Pollution Control Permit Regulations (February 26, 1974) (VWPCPR) and the Agency of Natural Resources' Section 401 Water Quality Certification Practice (October 22, 2014), the Secretary (Secretary) of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (Agency or ANR) has reviewed EPA's request.

Pursuant to the VWPCPR §§ 13.11(c)-(f), the Agency is seeking public comments on the Section §401 Water Quality Certification tentative determination through Monday, July 25, 2022. A public meeting to receive comments will be held Monday, July 11, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the Agency of Natural Resources Annex, 190 Junction Road, Berlin, Vermont and online via Microsoft Teams. To participate online, join the meeting at the scheduled time by clicking "[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)" (the link is also posted at <http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/permits/public-notices/401>) or by calling 802-828-7667 and entering the Conference ID number: 949 610 328#. Note: the call-in option provides audio only. The public meeting will be conducted pursuant to Section 13.3i of the Vermont Water Pollution Control Permit Regulations. Any person shall be permitted to submit oral or written statements and data concerning the proposed project's compliance with Vermont Water Quality Standards. All timely comments will be considered in the formulation of a final decision.

A copy of EPA's written request to the Agency dated April 27, 2022 and the Agency's draft 401 Water Quality Certification #2022-001 is posted online at: <http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/permits/public-notices/401>. Additional information may also be available by request. Comments regarding draft 401 Water Quality Certification #2022-001 may be filed in writing using the below mailing or email address through Monday, July 25, 2022:

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