

PUBLIC NOTICE OF REISSUANCE OF THE 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

8/26/2017

The Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) hereby provides public notice of the draft reissuance of the 401 Water Quality Certification.

Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act specifies that “any applicant for a Federal license or permit to conduct any activity including, but not limited to, the construction or operation of facilities, which result in any discharge into the navigable waters, shall provide the licensing or permitting agency a certification from the State that such discharge will comply with the applicable provisions of sections 301 (Effluent limitations), 302 (Water quality related effluent limitations), 303 (Water Quality Standards and implementation plans), 306 (National Standards of Performance) and 307 (Toxic and Pretreatment Effluent Standards) of the Act. The Act also enables the administering agency to waive certification requirements. A federal license or permit may not be granted if certification has been denied.” Examples of regulated activity include discharge to wetlands which need a Corp of Engineers 404 permit, stream alterations or lakes and ponds encroachments which need a Corp of Engineers 404 permit, and construction and operation of dams which need a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license.

A copy of the draft reissuance of the 401 Water Quality Certification and related documents may be downloaded from: <http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/permits/public-notices/401>
Hard copies of the draft 401 Water Quality Certification and related documents may be obtained upon request.

A public information meeting will be held on Monday, September 25, 2017, from 3pm to 4pm, at the ANR Annex located at [190 Junction Road, Berlin VT](#).

The public is invited to provide written comment on the draft reissuance of 401 Water Quality Certification through the close of business (4:30pm) on Thursday, September 28, 2017.

Written comments on the draft reissuance of the 401 Water Quality Certification should be mailed to:

Watershed Management Division
Attn: 401 Coordinator
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Or emailed to ANR.WSMD401@vermont.gov