

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

**NOTICE OF COMPLETED APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING  
APPLICATION FOR CLEAN WATER ACT § 401**

*June 5, 2020*

A request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification, required pursuant to the provisions of Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act, 33 USC §1341, has been received by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) from the Green Mountain Power Corporation.

The applicant is proposing to conduct dam repair work at the Middlesex Hydroelectric Project related to dam safety. The proposed work will require the installation of a cofferdam on the upstream face of the dam to facilitate concrete resurfacing and the installation of rock anchors at the dam.

The applicant must demonstrate that the project and continue operation of 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. Agency's tentative determination is to grant the certification with conditions to mitigate impacts on water quality.

The Department is seeking public comments on this tentative determination, during a 30-day public notice period. All timely comments will be considered in the formulation of a final decision. During this notice period, a person may request a public informational meeting regarding this draft decision. Written comments will be accepted at the address below, or via e-mail to [Jeff.Crocker@vermont.gov](mailto:Jeff.Crocker@vermont.gov), until **July 8, 2020**.

**Public Hearing:** a public hearing will be held on **July 7th, 2020 at 1:00 PM**. Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) the hearing will be held online. Persons having an interest in the project and the affected waters are encouraged to attend and provide oral testimony or written statements and data that would bear on the final water quality certification decision. If you are interested in attending the public hearing please contact Jeff Crocker.

Copies of the draft determination can be obtained at the Watershed Management Division web address: <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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