



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**REGION 2
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Mr. Edward Arrington, Mayor
Village of Owego
178 Main Street
Owego, NY 13827

Dear Mr. Arrington:

This is in response to your request for a categorical exclusion (CATEX) from substantive environmental review requirements, pursuant to 40 CFR Part 6, for the Village of Owego Wastewater Collection Facility Improvements Project, to be located in the Village of Owego, Town of Owego, Tioga County, New York.

The Village of Owego proposal to rehabilitate 2,200 linear feet of 24-inch diameter pipe, utilizing cured-in-place pipe or high density polyethylene fold and form pipe, as well as to rehabilitate thirteen manholes within the Village of Owego's sanitary sewer system, may be partially funded through a federal Special Appropriation Act grant.

The project meets the CATEX eligibility criteria found in 40 CFR 6.204(a)(1)(ii). This category includes "actions relating to existing infrastructure systems (such as sewer systems, drinking water supply systems, and stormwater systems, including combined sewer overflow systems) that involve ... rehabilitation (including functional replacement) of the existing system and system components (such as the sewer collection network and treatment system; the system to collect, treat, store and distribute drinking water; and stormwater systems, including combined sewer overflow systems) or construction of new minor ancillary facilities adjacent to or on the same property as existing facilities."

This project does not involve a new or relocated discharge to surface or ground water, an increase in the volume or loading of pollutants to receiving water, or capacity to serve a population 30 percent greater than the existing population. Further, it is not contrary to any state or regional growth plan or strategy; and it is not primarily for the purpose of future development.

Additionally, the available information concerning the proposed action indicates that none of the specific criteria for not granting a CATEX, found in 40 CFR 6.204(b)(1) through (b)(10), are present.



Based on our review of the supporting documentation, EPA approves a CATEX for the project. Please be reminded that EPA may revoke this CATEX if any of the following conditions occur:

- changes in the proposed action render it ineligible for exclusion;
- new evidence indicates that serious local or environmental issues exist; or
- federal, state, or local laws would be violated.

This CATEX is available for public viewing on EPA Region 2's website, <http://www.epa.gov/region02/spmm/r2nepa.htm#r2docs>. Should you have any questions regarding this decision, please address them to Grace Musumeci, Chief, Environmental Review Section, at the above address.

Sincerely,

George Pavlou
Acting Regional Administrator

cc: M. Lehman, Bernier, Carr and Associates, PC