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Agency of Natural Resources

July 25, 2023

Ms. Cheryl Dunn
Village Trustee
Village of Alburgh
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Alburgh, VT Center, 05440

Electronic only to: villageofalburgh@gmail.com

SUBJECT: **Termination** of NPDES Discharge Permit 3-1180
Village of Alburgh WWTF

Dear Ms. Dunn:

The Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Watershed Management Division determined that the Village of Alburgh WWTF would be a better fit under an Indirect Discharge Permit and requested that the Village apply for an indirect permit in a letter dated March 31, 2021. Since that time the Village has applied for and received coverage under Indirect Permit ID-9-0337 which became effective on May 25, 2023. In order to complete the paperwork, the NPDES Permit 3-1180 under which the Village previously had authority to discharge treated wastewater to Lake Champlain is being terminated.

Discharge permit 3-1180 was still active at the time the Indirect Permit was applied for, and the Indirect Permit was subject to a 30 day public notice period. Therefore, there was no additional requirement to place the permit 3-1180 on 30 day public notice for termination.

A final invoice was paid in full.

We have received all the required monitoring data (WR-43s).

Based upon the information provided, effective **May 31, 2023** the Village of Alburgh WWTF no longer has authorization to discharge treated wastewater to Lake Champlain under the authority of NPDES Permit 3-1180. The Village of Alburgh WWTF is authorized to discharge treated wastewater to the ground under Indirect Permit ID-9-0337.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Merrifield at 802-490-6188.

Respectfully,



Amy Polaczyk, Wastewater Program Manager
Watershed Management Division

cc: US EPA, Region I, Boston MA
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Permit Termination

Facility:	Alburgh WWTF	Permit No.:	3-1180
Location:	US Route 2, Alburgh, VT SPAN 009-003-11233	PIN:	EJ99-0174
		NPDES No.:	VT0100005

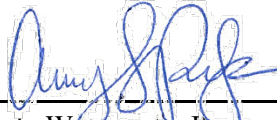
Findings of Fact

1. The facility's NPDES permit expired on September 30, 2022 and was administratively continued under 3 V.S.A. Section 814 since September 8, 2022.
2. The facility does not directly discharge effluent into Lake Champlain. Rather, effluent is disposed of through a spray system. The infiltrated water mingles with groundwater and is collected by an underdrain. After passing through several additional agricultural fields, the underdrain discharges the comingled groundwater and treated wastewater to Lake Champlain.
3. On March 31, 2021, a letter was sent to the Village of Alburgh informing them of the decision to change their permit coverage type based upon the reexamination of their design and requesting that they apply for an Indirect Discharge permit by July 31, 2021.
4. The Village of Alburgh applied for and received coverage under an Indirect Discharge Permit. ID-9-0337 was effective May 25, 2023.
5. Because this facility's effluent is subject to the conditions of an Indirect Discharge Permit, and also because this facility does not directly discharge wastes to a surface water, the facility does not need to have coverage under NPDES 3-1180, and that permit should be terminated.
6. The permittee is up to date on payments.
7. There are no compliance issues outstanding.

Based on these facts the facility's current permit will be inactivated as of May 31, 2023.

Julia S. Moore, Secretary
Agency of Natural Resources

By:



Date

7/18/2023

Amy Polaczyk, Wastewater Program Manager
Watershed Management Division

