

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE INTER-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

DATE April 25, 2007
FROM William R. Hauser /s/ WRH
Administrator
AT (OFFICE) Department of
Transportation
SUBJECT JEFFERSON-RANDOLPH
NHS-X-0341(018)
13602
(US Route 2 Reconstruction)
Bureau of
Environment
TO Ram Maddali, P.E.
Project Manager
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Enclosed is a copy of the final environmental document prepared for the subject project.

The Federal Highway Administration confirmed the environmental classification (Class II, Categorical Exclusion, with 4(f)) for the subject project on 03/13/07. FHWA issued the *Section 4(f) Determination* on 03/29/07. This project qualifies for the *Programmatic Wetlands Finding*. A public hearing was held for this project and FHWA endorsed the hearing certification on 03/29/07. These actions represent design concept approval. **This concludes the NEPA process.**

This project is exempt from FHWA oversight.

A NH Wetlands Bureau (NHWB) permit is required for this project, but application has not been made as of the date of this memo. This "major impact" project is expected to qualify for a US Army Corps of Engineers' State Program General Permit (SPGP). No other environmental permits or approvals are anticipated.

Environmental commitments have been made, as noted on pages 32-33 of the enclosed environmental document. The bureau(s) responsible for implementing the commitments are indicated in parentheses. Other commitments are addressed in the *Report of the Commissioner*. As appropriate, commitments should be discussed with pertinent Department personnel at appropriate meetings leading to advertising of the construction contract. Contract plans and documents should incorporate commitments, as relevant.

Anticipate conditions to be imposed on the NHWB permit.

Please be advised, if project changes occur during final design, right-of-way negotiation or construction, this bureau should be consulted to determine if a follow-up review of environmental impacts is required. Such review could affect advertising and construction schedules.

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