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Eric Law
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Re: Projects that meet the requirements for Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) without the submittal of a formal request.

Dear Eric:

As per 40 CFR Part 6.204, Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Assessing the Environmental Effects Abroad of EPA Actions, and the Vermont State Environmental Review Process (SERP), I am recommending that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. The recommendation is based on my site visit, review of proposed project plans, and a review discussion with the respective project engineer, which confirms the project will be confined to the existing building with no environmental or archeological impacts outside the building's interior footprint. I recommend that a formal request for a Categorical Exclusion is not necessary in this case.

Project Location:
Ripton Elementary School
P.O. Box 1455
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WSID 6740

Sincerely,

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