

PUBLIC NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

WATER SYSTEM NAME
PROJECT TITLE
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WATER SYSTEM PWS#

ABENAKI WATER COMPANY- WHITE ROCK
WHITE ROCK ALTERNATIVE SOURCE EXPLORATION PROJECT
ROCKY POINT DRIVE, BOW
0262020

INTRODUCTION

The Abenaki Water Company has applied for funds through the State of New Hampshire Department of Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund (DWGTF) to finance alternative water supply source exploration for the Abenaki White Rock Public Water System (PWS#0262020).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The White Rock water system serves water to approximately 238 people through 95 services connections. The original environmental review (completed August 31, 2021) for the water system improvements project included source exploration on lot 56, treatment upgrades, storage tank relining, and valve upgrades. However, further investigation of Lot 56 identified an alternate and preferred well location for consideration. The property (Lot 56) is owned by the Town of Bow and access for the purpose of tree clearing and drilling of test wells was granted on January 25, 2022. This environmental review includes two test well locations and associated watermain alignments to connect the new well to the public water system. The preferred alternative is Well 'A'. Well 'B' (which was included in the original project environmental review) will only be pursued in the event Well 'A' is not a suitable/viable sources.

The project will result in improved water quality, source capacity, and system resiliency and efficiency.

Whereas this project constitutes only a minor project and no significant environmental impacts are anticipated, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is proposed.

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The estimated cost of the overall project is \$475,000. To finance the project, the Abenaki Water Company has applied to borrow up to \$125,000 from the DWSRF and accept up to \$350,000 in DWGTF Grant funds. A public notice will be published by the water system and a 30-day comment period will be held in accordance with the DWSRF and DWGTF rules. Comments will be accepted through December 17, 2022 date public notice will end.

The full document is available at: <https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/inline-documents/2022-11/white-rocks-env-review.pdf> **and comments may be addressed to the following locations:**

Abenaki Water Company Attn: Robert Gallo, VP of Engineering; 37 Northwest Drive, Plainville, CT 06062; or NHDES- Drinking Water & Groundwater Bureau Attn: Kim Kelliher, Environmental Review Coordinator, PO Box 95, 29 Hazen Dr, Concord NH 03302-0095 or by email at: envreview@des.nh.gov

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