



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

DAVID A. PATERSON
GOVERNOR

November 17, 2009

Lisa Jackson, Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Jackson:

Pursuant to Title XV, Subtitle A, section 1511 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-5) ("ARRA"), and the April 2, 2009 Grant Agreement from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the "Grant Agreement"), I hereby certify that the infrastructure investment involving the Town of Schroon described in the Attachment to this certification, which will be funded with amounts made available by ARRA under the heading "Clean Water State Revolving Fund" to the Environmental Protection Agency, has received the full review and vetting required by law. I accept responsibility that such investment is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. I further certify that the specific information required by ARRA § 1511 and the Grant Agreement concerning such investment (a description of the investment, the estimated total cost, and the amount of ARRA funds to be used) is summarized within the Clean Water State Revolving Fund link to be posted on the public website at <http://www.recovery.ny.gov>, and linked to www.Recovery.gov.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Paterson".

David A. Paterson
Governor

Attachment

c: Commissioner Alexander B. Grannis

ATTACHMENT

- **Town of Schroon, Essex County**– Total project cost in the amount of \$4,340,413, of which \$4,040,413 is being financed through the Clean Water SRF program. The Town is eligible for up to \$3,232,330 in ARRA principal forgiveness. This project, which will be undertaken by the Town of Schroon, will finance the costs associated with the planning, design and construction of wastewater treatment facility modifications at the Town of Schroon’s Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Town of Schroon will own, operate and maintain the project.

The contract execution schedule for this project is as follows:

- Submit Plans and Specifications	October 15, 2009
- Advertise for Bids	November 7, 2009
- Open Bids	December 11, 2009
- Award Bids	December 14, 2009
- Execute Contracts	December 30, 2009
- Construction Completion	January 18, 2011

SEQR/SERP – Pursuant to an operating agreement between the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, an environmental review in accordance with the State Environmental Review Process (SERP, a NEPA-like review agreed to in the operating agreement) is undertaken with respect to each action or project financed. The Corporation has determined that this action will finance a project that will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment: (1) the DEC has certified that this project is in compliance with the SERP; (2) no potentially large impacts have been identified; and (3) the Town of Schroon, acting as lead agency, has issued a negative declaration. The Project is subject to DEC SPDES Permit No. 0020231, which expires on April 30, 2011.

Resolutions/Agreements – The project was authorized pursuant to a bond resolution passed by the Town Board of the Town of Schroon dated May 27, 2009 for the purpose of increase and improvements to Sewer District No. 1, including the construction of improvements to and reconstruction of the wastewater collection and treatment system in the Town of Schroon. The bond resolution authorized the issuance of bonds totaling \$4,340,413 for this purpose. Financial assistance will be provided pursuant to a Project Finance Agreement executed by and between the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and the Town of Schroon.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises/Minority/Women’s Business Enterprises (MWBE) – the fair share objectives are negotiated with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency using the guidance provided in 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart D, and set forth in the Grant Agreement. The MWBE fair share goals are as follows:

MBE goal:	construction contracts – 6%;
	service contracts- 8.8%
WBE goal:	construction contracts – 6%;
	service contracts – 8.8%