

# ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

COMMUNITY NAME	Town of Amherst
PROJECT TITLE	Amherst PFOA Water Main Extension Project
ADDRESS	Cobber Lane and Thatcher Drive, Amherst, NH
PROJECT#	PRLF-25

## INTRODUCTION

The Town of Amherst has applied for funds through the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services' (NHDES) Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Remediation Grant and Loan Fund (RLF) to fund a drinking water main extension project in Amherst, NH.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project includes the installation of approximately 1,760 feet of 4-inch PVC water main, from the Pennichuck Water Works (PWW)(PWS ID 1621010) Amherst Village District service area, and 15 service connections to homes on Cobbler Lane, Thatcher Drive, and 169 Amherst St, in Amherst. The project is sought due to PFAS contamination identified in the Town and caused by the Amherst Fire Department (NHDES OneStop Site # 202203049, Project # 40542). The total area of disturbance for the project is approximately 14,080 sq ft with the majority of the work to occur within existing road rights-of-way and previously disturbed areas. All appropriate permits and approvals will be obtained prior to construction, as applicable.

The project will result in improved water quality for residents affected by PFAS contamination.

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

## PUBLIC REVIEW

The Town of Amherst's authorization of the grant funding for the project in the amount of \$1,500,000 is pending. The estimated cost for the proposed project is \$526,250. This public notice has been published by the Town of Amherst or PWW and a 30-day comment period will be held in accordance with the Env-Dw 1400 NH Administrative Rules. Comments will be accepted through November 20, 2022.

The full document is available at, and comments may be addressed to, the following locations:

Pennichuck Water Works, Inc., Attn: Casey Harding, PO Box 428, Nashua, NH 03061, or by email at: [casey.harding@pennichuck.com](mailto:casey.harding@pennichuck.com); 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](mailto:envreview@des.nh.gov).