



**Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation
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Agency of Natural Resources

June 23, 2026

Charlie Hancock, Administrative Contact
Montgomery Water System
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Montgomery, VT 05471

Re: Source Protection Plan Update Approval
Montgomery Water System, Montgomery, VT, WSID VT0005125, Source WL003 (Well R-Montgomery Center).

Dear Charlie Hancock:

I have received the 2026 Source Protection Plan Update (SPPU) for the Montgomery Water System prepared by Operator Ross Dunham, SOS, and received by the Division on June 11, 2026. This SPPU satisfies the required revisions and corrections to the prior 2021 draft update prepared by Ross. My review of this document is complete, and I find that it meets the plan component requirements of the VT Water Supply Rule. Therefore, this 2026 Source Protection Plan Update is approved.

Please note, as discussed with Ross, I have replaced outdated documents in the appendices with current versions. In addition, as part of the source protection plan review, it came to my attention that the ANR NR Atlas required correction to show the proper location of the water source well (WL003) based on the field gathered coordinates taken during the 2024 Sanitary Survey. The ANR NR Atlas has been updated with the correct well location, and the SPA is adjusted accordingly. I have added updated SPA Maps to the plan document, created using the ANR NR Atlas mapping tool. A summary of the revisions is found in the Update Revisions Tracker page of this plan document (page 2). A copy of the approved 2026 Source Protection Plan Update is attached for your records. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Source Protection Plans are required to be renewed every three years. The next Source Protection Plan Update for the Montgomery Water System is due on **June 22, 2029**, three years from this plan's approval date. Please be advised, all Source Protection Plans are now required to be submitted using the Agency online portal and the Source Water Protection Plan Submission form. The link to the Source Water Protection Plan Submission form is here:

<https://anronline.vermont.gov/app/#/formVersion/ed1d3b8b-492e-4b5d-93c0-eeb6d48591e1>.

During my review of the water system's records in the Division's archive, I noticed the Division is missing a copy of the original 2005 Source Protection Plan developed for well WL003 and approved on 10/5/2010 under the Source Permit, E-1133. Unfortunately, the Division lost many records in past flood events. The original Source Protection Plan is the basis for the subsequent updates, and the Division should have a copy in the water system's record archive. Please provide the Division with a copy of the plan.

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We appreciate and recognize the efforts of the Montgomery Water System in continuing to implement actions and strategies that protect your drinking water source and reduce or control the risk from contamination. Please be reminded to provide the required brief summary of risk management actions and strategies implemented by the water system and others during this 3-year renewal period for inclusion in the next SPPU.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this letter or would like to discuss additional ways to protect the water system's water source. I can be reached at 802-585-9478 (direct line), or email at laura.ranker@vermont.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laura Ranker". The signature is cursive and fluid.

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