

MEMORANDUM

To: Council on Environmental Quality, Environmental Monitor

From: Rachel Nowek, Public Health Services Manager

CC: Eric Hammerling, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Date: January 6, 2025

Subject: Post-Scoping Notice for Ridgefield High School and Middle School Interconnection

The above referenced project was published on [September 2, 2025](#) in the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) *Environmental Monitor* in solicitation of public comments and in accordance with the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) requirements.

The Town of Ridgefield proposes to interconnect the Ridgefield High School and Scotts Ridge Middle School to Aquarion Water Company's Ridgefield System. The proposed project includes approximately 950 linear feet of water main from the intersection of Craigmoor Rd and North Salem Road, northwest to the school campuses located at 700 North Salem Road in Ridgefield, CT. This interconnection will improve water quality, system reliability, and reduce operational costs. The proposed project scope includes disconnecting from the well that currently serves the Ridgefield High School and Scotts Ridge Middle School and discontinuing its use as a public water supply.

During the 30-day open public commenting period, the Department of Public Health (DPH) received comments from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) on October 2, 2025. DPH received the applicant's responses to DEEP's comments on November 3, 2025.

Based on the comments and responses received, and the analysis documented in the attached Environmental Review Checklist (ERC), DPH does not recommend the preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) under CEPA. DPH will coordinate with the Town of Ridgefield to ensure that recommendations received during the scoping period as appropriate are implemented.

The attached ERC demonstrates and documents that DPH intends to move forward with funding this project without requiring to have an EIE conducted.

Should you have any questions, please send them via email to DPH.SourceProtection@ct.gov.