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NEW! The Council has published the 2019 Annual Report, **Environmental Quality in Connecticut**.

NEW! All submissions to the Council should be sent electronically to: peter.hearn@ct.gov.

Scoping Notice

1. **NEW!** Notice of Scoping for Huckleberry Hill School Water Main Extension, Brookfield.

Scoping Notice - Post-Scoping Notice (Need More Time)

No notice for additional time has been submitted for publication in this edition.

Post-Scoping Notice

1. **New!** Post-Scoping Notice for I-84 Hartford Project.

Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE)

No EIE Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

Agency Record of Decision

No Agency Record of Decision Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

OPM Determination of Adequacy

No Determination of Adequacy Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

State Land Transfer

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Scoping Notice

"Scoping" is for projects in the earliest stages of planning. At the scoping stage, detailed information on a project's design, alternatives, and environmental impacts does not yet exist. Sponsoring agencies are asking for comments from other agencies and from the public as to the scope of alternatives and environmental impacts that should be considered for further study. Send your comments to the contact person listed for the project by the date indicated. [Read More](#)

The following Scoping Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Notice of Scoping for Huckleberry Hill School Water Main Extension

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Brookfield

Address of Possible Project Location: Candlewood Lake Road

Project Description: Huckleberry Hill School at 100 Candlewood Lake Road in Brookfield is a public water system that is served by two public wells. Routine monitoring of the water from these wells indicates that levels of chloride have been progressively increasing since 2007. Public Water System Monitoring Program data shows measured chloride levels of 53 milligrams per liter (mg/L) in 2004, 86 mg/L in 2007, 107 mg/L in 2010, and 193.5 mg/L in 2019, which is approaching the Connecticut State Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for chloride of 250 mg/L. The homes between 63 and 103 Candlewood Lake Road are served by private wells and are also experiencing elevated sodium and chloride levels in their ground water, with sodium concentrations as high as 230 mg/L (CT private well guidance for sodium levels in drinking water those at risk for high blood pressure is 100 mg/L) and chloride concentrations up to 680 mg/L. There are approximately 41 homes, and two small businesses (shared building) that are along this section of road.

The Town of Brookfield has applied for funding assistance from the CT DPH Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to proactively address the potential water quality standard exceedance by connecting the Huckleberry Hill School to an existing Aquarion Water Company water main located on Nabby Road. Approximately 3,700 linear feet of new 12-inch water main is proposed to be installed along Candlewood Lake Road to the Huckleberry Hill

Elementary School. The water main will be available for the homes and businesses with individual drinking water wells along the route if they choose to connect. The Town will be collecting a benefit assessment, payable over 20 years, from every property along the route which will cover the cost of the water main, including the service lines from main to curb. Individual property owners would be responsible for covering the cost of a service connection from the building to the curb.

Project Map: Click [here](#) to view a map of the project area.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on **June 5, 2020**.

Any person can ask the sponsoring agency to hold a Public Scoping Meeting by sending such a request to the address below. If a meeting is requested by 25 or more individuals, or by an association that represents 25 or more members, the sponsoring agency shall schedule a Public Scoping Meeting. Such requests must be made by **May 15, 2020**.

Written comments and/or requests for a Public Scoping Meeting should be sent to:

Name: Mr. Eric McPhee
Agency: Department of Public Health, Drinking Water Section
Address: 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12DWS
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If you have questions about the public meeting, or other questions about the scoping for this project, contact:

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Scoping Notice - Post-Scoping Notice (Need More Time)

If an agency is unable to publish a Post-Scoping Notice within six months after the comment period for scoping, the agency will publish an update with an action status and an estimate as to when a Post-Scoping Notice will be published. Such an update will be published by the agency at six-month intervals until the Post-Scoping Notice is published. [Read More](#)

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Post-Scoping Notice

A Post-Scoping Notice is the determination by a sponsoring agency, after publication of a Scoping Notice and consideration of comments received, whether an [Environmental Impact Evaluation \(EIE\)](#) needs to be prepared for a proposed State action. [Read More](#)

The following Post-Scoping Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Post-Scoping Notice for I-84 Hartford Project

Municipality where it would be located: Hartford

CEPA Determination: On December 16, 2014, the Connecticut Department of Transportation published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this proposed action in the Environmental Monitor. A public scoping meeting was held on January 21, 2015.

It was determined that the potential impacts associated with the project would require a joint Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIS/EIE) to satisfy both the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA). The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) was the lead Federal agency for NEPA compliance, and on September 30, 2016 FHWA published a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register for the preparation of an EIS/EIE.

The purpose of the proposed project was to address structural deficiencies, improve traffic operations and safety, and improve mobility on and along the I-84 corridor within the project limits, while maintaining access for the City of Hartford and adjacent communities. The EIS/EIE began to study a reasonable range of alternatives to address the proposed project's purpose and need. Alternatives under consideration included (1) No Build Alternative; (2) Elevated Highway Alternative; (3) Lowered Highway Alternative; and (4) Tunneled Highway Alternative.

Numerous public informational meetings, interagency coordination meetings, and project advisory committee meetings were held, however a draft EIS/EIE was never completed or released. CTDOT has determined not to proceed with the project, as described in the Scoping Notice, at this time.

CTDOT has instead chosen to pursue a larger scale study looking at mobility in the Hartford area, and intends to utilize the Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) process to identify possible future projects. The new study, to be called the Greater Hartford Mobility Study, will be initiated to identify and prioritize possible projects, based on regional purpose and needs.

On April 20, 2020 FHWA published a notice of rescission of the NOI in the Federal Register to officially close out the NEPA process for the I-84 Hartford project. CTDOT will initiate new NEPA and CEPA studies, as appropriate, to assess the potential environmental impacts of future actions that involve the study area.

Additional information regarding the I-84 Hartford project history and the future Greater Hartford Mobility Study can be found at : <http://www.i84hartford.com>

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Inquiries and requests to view and or copy documents, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, must be submitted to the sponsoring State Agency.

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EIE Notice

After Scoping, an agency that wishes to undertake an action that could significantly affect the environment must produce, for public review and comment, a detailed written evaluation of the expected environmental impacts. This is called an [Environmental Impact Evaluation \(EIE\)](#). [Read More](#)

No EIE Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

Agency Record of Decision

After an [Environmental Impact Evaluation \(EIE\)](#) is developed, an agency will prepare a concise public record of decision, which takes into consideration the agency's findings in the EIE, and any comments received on that evaluation. [Read More](#)

No Record of Decision Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

OPM's Determination of Adequacy

After an [Environmental Impact Evaluation \(EIE\)](#) is developed, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) will determine if the EIE is adequate. If not, OPM will specify the areas of inadequacy with reference to CEPA or the CEPA regulations and specify the corrective action required. [Read More](#)

No Determination of Adequacy Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

State Land Transfer Notice

Connecticut General Statutes [Section 4b-47](#) requires public notice of most proposed sales and transfers of state-owned lands. The public has an opportunity to comment on any such proposed transfer. Each notice includes an address where comments should be sent. [Read more about the process.](#)

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