



Environmental Monitor

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Notices in the Environmental Monitor are written and formatted by the sponsoring agencies and are published unedited. Questions about the content of any notice should be directed to the sponsoring agency. Inquiries and requests to view or copy documents, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, must be submitted to the sponsoring state agency.

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 New Britain Water Department Batterson Park Road Water Main Extension

Municipality where proposed project might be located: New Britain

Address of Possible Project Location: Batterson Park Road

Project Description: The New Britain Water Department is seeking financial assistance under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program to fund the construction of the Batterson Park Road Water Main Extension project. The proposed project will comprise the installation of approximately 2,300 lineal feet of 12-inch diameter ductile iron pipe within the Batterson Park Road right of way. The new water main will connect two ends of the New Britain Water Department's distribution system at Batterson Park Road's intersections with Two Mile Road and Hamilton Way. This project is necessary to create a major water main loop between two dead-end areas, thereby eliminating water stagnation, improving reliability and creating redundancy of water service infrastructure to the portion of New Britain Water Department's distribution system that serves Farmington, CT.

Project Map: Click [here](#) to view a location map of the project area. Click [here](#) to view a plan of the proposed water main route.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on January 22, 2021.

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 January 4, 2021.

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
PO Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134-0308

Fax: 860-509-7359

Email: DPH.SourceProtection@ct.gov

If you have questions about the public meeting, or other questions about the scoping for this project, contact:

Name: Patricia Bisacky

Agency: Department of Public Health
Drinking Water Section

Address: 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12DWS
PO Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134-0308

Phone: 860-509-7333

Fax: 860-509-7359

Email: Patricia.Bisacky@ct.gov

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

Name: Mr. Av Harris

Agency: Department of Public Health
Drinking Water Section

Address: 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #13CMN
Hartford, CT 06134-0308

Phone: 860-509-7286

Email: DPH.foi@ct.gov

What Happens Next: The DPH will make a determination whether to proceed with preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) or that the project does not require the preparation of an EIE under the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA). A Post-Scoping Notice of its decision will appear in a future edition of the *Environmental Monitor*.

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](#)

The following notice for additional time has been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Notice of Time Extension for Post Scoping Notice for Coventry Low-Pressure Sewer Extension\

Municipality where proposed action would be located: Coventry

CEPA Determination: On August 20, 2019, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for the extension of a low-pressure sanitary sewer line in Coventry in the *Environmental Monitor*.

The proposed extension is for 2,000 linear feet of sewer line from the Bolton Lakes sewer service area in the Town of Bolton eastward along US Route 44 into the Town of Coventry and would serve 21 properties. DEEP received one comment letter from the Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) dated September 17, 2019. CEQ raised concerns related to potential inconsistencies with both the State Conservation and Development Policies Plan and the conditions set forth in a previous 2006 Environmental Impact Evaluation covering the extension of sewer service to the Bolton Lakes area. DEEP is unable to publish its determination regarding this action at this time.

Action Status: To address these comments, DEEP is in the process of seeking further input from both the Town of Coventry, as the proponent of the project, and the Office of Policy and Management. These efforts are ongoing and will include requesting an advisory statement from the Office of Policy and Management on this project, pursuant to section 16a-31(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, in light of further information provided by the Town of Coventry.

Estimated Publication Date: DEEP estimates that a Post-Scoping Notice will be published in the *Environmental Monitor* on or before May 18, 2021.

If you have questions about the proposed action, contact:

Name: Carlos Esguerra

Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Address: 79 Elm Street, Hartford CT 06106

Phone: (860) 424-3756

E-Mail: Carlos.Esguerra@ct.gov

What Happens Next: DEEP has made a preliminary determination that the project does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. A Post-Scoping Notice of its decision will appear in a future edition of the *Environmental Monitor*.

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 Notices have been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Post-Scoping Notice for Old Farms Road Realignment & Improvements

Address of Possible Project Location: Old Farms Road

Municipality where it would be located: Avon

CEPA Determination: On July 7, 2020, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this proposed project in the *Environmental Monitor*.

A virtual public scoping meeting was held on July 22, 2020

Various comments were received during the public comment period and at the virtual Public Scoping Meeting. In addition to comments from the public, CTDOT received comments from the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) and the CT Department of Public Health (CTDPH). Comments received and responses to comments can be found in the [Environmental Review Checklist](#).

After consideration of the comments received, CTDOT has determined that **the project does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) under the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA)**. CTDOT's conclusion and analysis is documented in a [Memo of Findings and Determination](#) and the [Environmental Review Checklist](#).

Agency contact:

Name: Kevin Fleming

Agency: CT Department of Transportation, Office of Environmental Planning

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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.

Name: Ms. Alice M. Sexton

Agency: CT Department of Transportation, Office of Legal Services

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What Happens Next: CTDOT expects the proposed project to go forward.

2. Post-Scoping Notice for City of Bridgeport Facilities Planning for East Side and West Side Wastewater Treatment Plants

Addresses of Possible Project Locations: East Side WPCF: 695 Seaview Avenue, West Side WPCF: 205 Botwick Avenue

Municipality where it would be located: Bridgeport

CEPA Determination: On October 6, 2020, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this proposed action in the *Environmental Monitor*.

A virtual public scoping meeting was held on October 29, 2020. DEEP has posted the [draft facility plan](#) online, including responses to the comments received at the Public Scoping Meeting and during the public comment period. DEEP has determined to proceed with the preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE). Comments not already addressed will be addressed in the EIE.

Agency contact:

Name: Ann Straut

Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Address: 79 Elm Street, Hartford CT 06106

E-Mail: ann.straut@ct.gov

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

What Happens Next:

DEEP expects the proposed action to go forward. Upon completion, the EIE will be published in a future edition of the *Environmental Monitor*. Currently, it is expected that the EIE will be circulated for public review and appear in the *Environmental Monitor* in the first half of 2021.

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](#).

No State Land Transfer Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

CEPA Project Inventory

The Office of Policy and Management maintains a list of projects that have entered the CEPA process. It shows each project's status. The inventory can be found at <ftp://ftp.ct.gov/OPM/CEPA/CEPA%20Project%20Inventory.xlsx>.

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