

Exhibit N

Wetland Protection Plan

ENVIRONMENTAL NOTES

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As a result of the proposed Facility's location in the vicinity of wetlands, the following Best Management Practices ("BMPs") are recommended to avoid unintentional impact to wetland habitats during construction activities. Complete details of the recommended BMPs are provided below, which will be incorporated into the construction drawings to ensure the contractor is fully aware of the project's environmentally sensitive setting.

A wetland scientist from All-Points Technology Corp. ("APT") experienced in compliance monitoring of construction activities will serve as the Environmental Monitor for this project to ensure that the following BMPs are implemented properly. This protection program shall be implemented regardless of time of year the construction activities occur. All-Points Technology Corporation, P.C. ("APT") will serve as the Environmental Monitor for this project to ensure that wetland protection measures are implemented properly. The Contractor shall contact Dean Gustafson, Senior Wetland Scientist at APT, at least 5 business days prior to the pre-construction meeting. Mr. Gustafson can be reached by phone at (860) 552-2033 or via email at dgustafson@allpointstech.com.

The proposed wetland protection program consists of several components including: use of appropriate erosion control measures to control and contain erosion while avoiding/minimizing wildlife entanglement; periodic inspection and maintenance of erosion controls for the purposes of ensuring protection of wetland resources; education of all contractors and sub-contractors prior to initiation of work on the site; protective measures; and, reporting.

1. Contractor Education:

- a. Prior to work on site and initial deployment/mobilization of equipment and materials, the Contractor shall attend an educational session at the pre-construction meeting with the Environmental Monitor. This orientation and educational session will consist of information stressing the environmentally sensitive nature of the project and proximity to wetland resources and the need to ensure their protection throughout the duration of the construction.
- b. The Environmental Monitor will also post caution signs throughout the project site and maintain them for the duration of construction to provide notice of the environmentally sensitive nature of the work area.
- c. The Contractor will be provided with the Environmental Monitor's cell phone and email contact information to immediately report any failures of erosion controls or releases of sediment into nearby wetlands.

2. Erosion and Sedimentation Controls

- a. Plastic netting with large mesh openings ($> \frac{1}{4}$ "") used in a variety of erosion control products (i.e., erosion control blankets, fiber rolls [wattles], reinforced silt fence) has been found to entangle wildlife, including reptiles, amphibians, birds and small mammals. No permanent erosion control products or reinforced silt fence will be used on the project. Temporary erosion control products that will be exposed at the ground surface represent a potential for wildlife entanglement will use either erosion control blankets and fiber rolls composed of processed fibers mechanically bound together to form a continuous matrix (netless) or netting with a mesh size $< \frac{1}{4}$ " such as that typically used in compost filter socks to avoid/minimize wildlife entanglement.

- b. Installation of erosion and sedimentation controls, required for erosion control compliance, shall be performed by the Contractor following clearing activities and prior to any earthwork in accordance with the project site plans. The Environmental Monitor will inspect the work zone area prior to and following erosion control barrier installation to ensure it has been satisfactorily installed prior to the initiation of earthwork.
- c. The Contractor shall have additional barrier fencing should field conditions warrant extending the fencing as directed by the Environmental Monitor.
- d. In addition to required daily inspection by the Contractor, the fencing will be inspected by the Contractor for tears or breaches in the fabric following installation and following storm events that produce a discharge. Inspections will be conducted periodically by the Environmental Monitor throughout the course of the construction project.
- e. All erosion control measures shall be removed within 30 days of completion of work and permanent stabilization of site soils. If fiber rolls/wattles, straw bales, or other natural material erosion control products are used, such devices will not be left in place to biodegrade and shall be promptly removed after soils are stable so as not to create a barrier to migrating wildlife. Seed from seeding of soils shall not be spread over fiber rolls/wattles as it makes them harder to remove once soils are stabilized by vegetation.

3. Petroleum Materials Storage and Spill Prevention

- a. Certain precautions are necessary to store petroleum materials, refuel and contain and properly clean up any inadvertent fuel or petroleum (i.e., oil, hydraulic fluid, etc.) spill due to the project's location in proximity to sensitive wetland resources.
- b. A spill containment kit consisting of a sufficient supply of absorbent pads and absorbent material will be maintained by the Contractor at the construction site throughout the duration of the project. In addition, a waste drum will be kept on site to contain any used absorbent pads/material for proper and timely disposal off site in accordance with applicable local, state and federal laws.
- c. The following petroleum and hazardous materials storage and refueling restrictions and spill response procedures will be adhered to by the Contractor.
 - i. Petroleum and Hazardous Materials Storage and Refueling
 - 1. Refueling of vehicles or machinery shall take place on an impervious pad with secondary containment designed to contain fuels.
 - 2. Any refueling drums/tanks or hazardous materials that must be kept on site shall be stored on an impervious surface utilizing secondary containment a minimum of 100 feet from wetlands or watercourses.
 - ii. Initial Spill Response Procedures
 - 1. Stop operations and shut off equipment.
 - 2. Remove any sources of spark or flame.
 - 3. Contain the source of the spill.
 - 4. Determine the approximate volume of the spill.
 - 5. Identify the location of natural flow paths to prevent the release of the spill to sensitive nearby waterways or wetlands.
 - 6. Ensure that fellow workers are notified of the spill.
 - iii. Spill Clean Up & Containment

1. Obtain spill response materials from the on-site spill response kit. Place absorbent materials directly on the release area.
2. Limit the spread of the spill by placing absorbent materials around the perimeter of the spill.
3. Isolate and eliminate the spill source.
4. Contact the appropriate local, state and/or federal agencies, as necessary.
5. Contact a disposal company to properly dispose of contaminated materials.

iv. Reporting

1. Complete an incident report.
2. Submit a completed incident report to local, state and federal agencies, as required.

4. Reporting

- a. Inspection reports (brief narrative and applicable photos) will be prepared by the Environmental Monitor documenting each inspection and submitted to the Permittee for compliance verification. Any non-compliance observations of erosion control measures or evidence of erosion or sediment release will be immediately reported to the Permittee and its Contractor and included in the reports.
- b. Any incidents of release of sediment or other materials into wetland resource areas shall be reported by the Permittee within 24 hours to the Connecticut Siting Council.
- c. Any observations of rare species will be reported to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Natural Diversity Data Base Program.
- d. Following completion of the project, a summary report will be prepared by the Environmental Monitor documenting compliance with the Wetland Protection Plan and submitted to the Permittee, who shall submit a copy to the Connecticut Siting Council.