**SECTION 1.10 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE**

**In Article 1.10.03-Water Pollution Control:**

**REQUIRED BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

*Add the following after Required Best Management Practices Number 13:*

 14. The peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) is a State threatened species and Connecticut’s largest falcon, measuring up to 20 inches. Adults are slate gray above and pale underneath with fine bars and spots of black; they have long pointed wings with a narrow tail. Young peregrine falcons have the same composition but are darker underneath and brown all over. Peregrine falcons have adapted to life in urban settings. In Connecticut, they sometimes utilize bridges for nesting and brood rearing purposes. Peregrine falcons will actively and aggressively defend the nest. The peregrine falcon will attack anyone or anything that comes within the area of its nest. The peregrine falcon nesting season occurs between the months of April and July. For this reason, special conditions regarding the timing of work within the Project limits, and immediate area that have nesting peregrine falcons must be adhered to by the Contractor.

 In order to protect this species and project personnel, the Contractor shall not introduce new work activities and staging areas within 330-foot radius of an active nest that is out of line of sight, or within a 660-foot radius from an active nest that is in the line of sight of work during nesting season (April 1 - July 31). Any change in construction sequencing, scheduling, or timing affecting work within a 330-foot radius or 660-foot radius of a known nest shall not be permitted.

 The Contractor shall, through the Engineer, at least 10 days prior to the commencement of any construction activities, arrange for a CT DOT Environmental Inspector from the Office of Environmental Planning (OEP) or their authorized delegate to be available to meet and identify the nest location as well as discuss proper protocol for maintaining environmental commitments made to the protection of this species and habitat.

 The peregrine falcon is protected by State laws which prohibit killing, harming, taking, or keeping them in your possession. Workers shall be notified of the existence of peregrine falcons in the area and be apprised of the laws protecting them. Fact sheet of the peregrine falcon shall be posted in the Contractor’s and inspection field offices.

 If any peregrine falcons are observed in or around the Project area, the OEP must be notified at Andrew.Piraneo@ct.gov or at [Marilyn.Gould@ct.gov](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CPiraneoA%5CDesktop%5CMarilyn.Gould%40ct.gov).  If OEP staff cannot be reached at either of the above referenced emails, the District Environmental Coordinator will need to be contacted to facilitate further coordination with OEP’s Environmental Resource Compliance Unit.

CTDEEP’s Fact Sheet for the peregrine falcon:

[Peregrine Falcon Fact Sheet](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/wildlife/pdf_files/outreach/fact_sheets/pfalconpdf.pdf)