

MEMORANDUM

To: Council on Environmental Quality, Environmental Monitor

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Date: December 20, 2016

Subject: **North Stonington Water Main Extension Phase III - CEPA Findings**

Attached please find the Environmental Assessment Summary for the above referenced project. Scoping for the project began on March 8, 2016 and ended on April 8, 2016.

The Department of Public Health (DPH) received comments from Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) on April 7, 2016 and the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) on April 8, 2016. In order to address the comments from the OPM, the Town of North Stonington requested that the DPH seek a Priority Funding Area exception under Connecticut General Statutes section 16a-35d in correspondence dated May 10, 2016. The Commissioner of DPH officially requested the exception from the Secretary of OPM in correspondence dated September 8, 2016. The Secretary of OPM granted the exception in correspondence dated October 24, 2016. The DPH will coordinate with the Town of North Stonington to ensure that the DEEP's recommendations will be implemented. Based on the DPH's review of the comments received, it is recommended that an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) is not warranted for this project. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (860) 509-7333.