

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Department of Information Technology



To:

To interested persons

From:

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State of Connecticut

Department of Information Technology

Date:

March 3, 2011

Re:

Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program Statewide Fiber Optic

Network CEPA Findings

On January 18, 2011, the Department of Information Technology (DOIT) published a Notice of Scoping to solicit public comments for the Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program (BTOP) Statewide Fiber Optic Network Project in the Connecticut *Environmental Monitor*. The public, state agencies, and other interested persons/parties were allowed to comment on any potential environmental impacts or concerns regarding the proposed project until February 18, 2011. The only comments submitted were from the Connecticut Department of Public Health. These comments were reviewed by the project team and DOIT has determined they are not substantive and do not warrant further review under the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA).

In addition to the review of comments, an Environmental Assessment was prepared for the proposed project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and a *Record of Environmental Consideration* (CEPA applicability review) was prepared by the Department of Public Works. Both documents conclude there are no significant impacts associated with the proposed project and DOIT concurs with these conclusions.

Therefore, the proposed project does not warrant the preparation of Environmental Impact Evaluation under CEPA.