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December 8, 2016

Mr. Edward LaChance  
Department of Housing  
505 Hudson Street  
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Notice of Scoping for Columbus Commons, New Britain

Dear Mr. LaChance:

The Department of Public Health (DPH) Drinking Water Section (DWS) has reviewed the subject Notice of Scoping. Columbus Commons is proposed to ultimately create approximately 160 new apartment units in 210,000 square feet of residential space, 22,000 square feet of commercial space and 57 parking places within the public drinking water service area of the New Britain Water Department (PWSID# CT0890011) (NBWD). The proposed project is not within a public drinking water supply source water area; therefore the DWS has no source protection comments to offer.

The DWS believes that new developments should be designed to use water wisely. This is especially true today, considering the existing drought watch issued by the Governor and NBWD's Water Supply Emergency—Phase II requiring activation of a supplemental drinking water source of supply (interconnection with the Metropolitan District Commission) and voluntary conservation measures from its customers. The DWS recommends that the proposed development implements measures that conserve the use of public drinking water. The Environmental Protection Agency's Water Sense program and numerous voluntary green building standard model codes are available as references to assist designers in achieving sustainable developments. Links to these programs and more can be found on the DWS's webpage dedicated to [water conservation](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia Bisacky".

Patricia Bisacky  
Environmental Analyst 3  
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