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Scoping Notices

"Scoping" is for projects in the earliest stages of planning. At the scoping stage, detailed information on a project's design, alternatives, and environmental impacts does not yet exist. Sponsoring agencies are asking for comments from other agencies and from the public as to the scope of alternatives and environmental impacts that should be considered for further study. Send your comments to the contact person listed for the project by the date indicated.

The following Scoping Notices have been submitted for review and comment.

1. Notice of Scoping for the Connecticut State Police Firearms Training Facility Relocation

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Glastonbury

Address of Possible Project Location: Easterly end point of Toll Gate Road.

Project Description: The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP), Division of State Police (CSP) is proposing to relocate its existing Firearms Training Facility and Program located on Nod Road in Simsbury to a site in Glastonbury. The proposed site is generally situated along Route 2 adjacent to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) Public Shooting Range, located within the Meshomasic State Forest (see project location figures). A land transfer between DESPP and DEEP would occur as part of this project. The exact parcel configuration and project layout is to be determined during design; however, the estimated maximum acreage needed for the project is approximately 30 acres with the potential for less.

The project proposes to maintain and improve the CSP Firearms Training Program to benefit DESPP's critical needs. Other state, federal, international, and host community law enforcement agencies would also utilize this facility as part of the inter-relationships DESPP has with various agencies.

The following are the major facility elements associated with this relocation project:

- Approximately 55,000 gross square feet (GSF) multipurpose training building(s). This building (or combinations of smaller buildings) would contain: classrooms to hold up to approximately 100 troopers and/or cadets; firearms simulator room; open area training room; indoor active-shooter training; gun cleaning and smithing; file storage room; staff offices; firearms vault; ammunition storage vault;

recruit/staff kitchen and dining area; reloading area; target storage area; bathrooms with lockers and showers; and a garage.

- 2 Range Control Towers (approximately 1 story high)
- 1 Qualifying Pistol Range (approximately 200 ft x 170 ft)
- 1 Active Shooter Training Range (approximately 200 ft x 170 ft)
- 1 Rifle Range (approximately 300 yd x 50 yd)
- 1 Shotgun Rifle Range (approximately 100 yd x 30 yd)
- Approximately 125 parking spaces
- Well and septic systems, telecom, and electrical utilities

Project Maps: [Click here to view a figure of the general project location](#) and [click here to view an aerial of the project site](#).

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: [May 16, 2013](#).

There will be a Public Scoping Meeting for this project at:

DATE: Thursday, May 9, 2013

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Riverfront Community Center, Community Room, 300 Welles Street, Glastonbury, CT

NOTES: Doors open at 6:30 PM; meeting starts at 7:00 PM and will conclude after public comments.

On Behalf of DESPP, written comments are to be sent to the following participating agency contact:

Name: Jeff Bolton, Supervising Environmental Analyst
Agency: Department of Construction Services

Address: 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 482
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Fax: (860) 713-7250

E-Mail: jeffrey.bolton@ct.gov

If you have questions about the public meeting, or other questions about the scoping for this project, contact:

Name: Lt. J. Paul Vance, Public Information Officer
Agency: Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection & the Connecticut State Police

Address: 1111 Country Club Road
Middletown, Connecticut 06457

Phone: (860) 685-8230

Fax: (860) 685-8301

E-Mail: pio.dps@po.state.ct.us

The agency expects to release an Environmental Impact Evaluation for this project, for public review and comment, in August 2013.

Other information:

[What is Scoping?](#) (CEQ Website)

[What to Expect at a Scoping Meeting](#) (CEQ Website)

[What is CEPA?](#) (OPM Website)

2. Notice of Scoping for Library Lane and George Washington Turnpike Water Main Project STEAP Grant

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Burlington

Address of Possible Project Location: Library Lane and George Washington Turnpike

Project Description: The purpose of this project is to install two segments of 8 inch ductile iron water main: from the intersection of Route 4 and Library Lane 900 feet north along Library Lane, and on George Washington Turnpike from the intersection with Thompsons Way approximately 900' southeast to the intersection with Cornwall Road. This project has been awarded a STEAP grant and will provide water supply to businesses within Burlington's central business zone. The Torrington Water Company will provide the water supply, oversee this

project and will own and maintain this extension when the project is completed.

Project Map: Click [here](#) to view a map of the project area.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **Friday May 17, 2013**

Any person can ask the sponsoring agency to hold a Public Scoping Meeting by sending such a request to the address below. If a meeting is requested by 25 or more individuals, or by an association that represents 25 or more members, the sponsoring agency shall schedule a Public Scoping Meeting. Such requests must be made by **April 26, 2013**.

Written comments and/or requests for a Public Scoping Meeting should be sent to:

Name: Mr. Eric McPhee
Agency: Department of Public Health
 Drinking Water Section
Address: 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #51WAT
 PO Box 340308
 Hartford, CT 06134-0308
Fax: 860-509-7359
E-Mail: Dph.sourceprotection@ct.gov

If you have questions about the public meeting, or other questions about the scoping for this project, contact:

Name: Ms. Sara Rossetti-Nichols
Agency: Department of Public Health
 Drinking Water Section
Address: 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #51WAT
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Fax: 860-509-7359
E-Mail: Sara.Rossetti-Nichols@ct.gov

3. Notice of Scoping for UConn Main Accumulation Area

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Mansfield

Address of Possible Project Location: UConn North Campus Parcel G Site located between the existing North Hillside Road and C Lot on the University of Connecticut Storrs Campus, Mansfield, Connecticut

Project Description: UConn proposes to construct a new centralized facility for the temporary storage of chemical, biological/medical, and low-level radioactive wastes from the University's academic research and teaching laboratories and facility operations on the Storrs campus. The University's existing facility, known as the Main Accumulation Area (MAA), is located within the Fenton River watershed and the drainage basin of the Willimantic Reservoir, which is a public water supply. Although the facility has been operated safely since it was established in 1989, the University recognizes the public concern that remains about the location of the facility within the public water supply watershed. The existing MAA facility, which is currently located on Horsebarn Hill Road, is sufficient to serve the current needs of the University and meets or exceeds state and federal requirements for safety and environmental protection. To protect public health and the environment and to ensure regulatory compliance, these wastes are managed by the UConn Department of Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) in compliance with local, state, and federal regulations, as well as University health and safety policies and procedures. However, space on the existing site is limited, resulting in poor circulation for waste transport vehicles, its design is inconsistent with state-of-the-art MAA facilities at other comparable research institutions, and the facility will likely not meet future needs based on planned research growth at the University. To address these concerns, UConn convened an Advisory Committee consisting of representatives from the Town of Mansfield, Windham Water Works, local watershed organizations, the Connecticut Institute of Water Resources, and University of Connecticut staff from Public Safety, Environmental Policy, and Residential Life. The Advisory Committee conducted a siting study to identify and assess potential sites for an upgraded MAA facility. The study recommended a prioritized list of alternative sites, with the North Campus Parcel G site, located between the existing North Hillside Road and C Lot, being the preferred alternative. An Environmental Impact Evaluation will be prepared to further evaluate the preferred site as well as other alternatives considered, including the existing location (i.e., the No Action alternative).

Project Map: [Click here to view a map of the project area.](#)

Written comments: from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **May 16, 2013**

There will be a Public Scoping Meeting for this project at:

Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2013
 Time: 7:00 p.m. (Doors will be open at 6:00 p.m. to allow review of informational materials.)
 Place: Room 146, UConn Bishop Center; One Bishop Circle; Storrs, CT

Written comments should be sent to:

Name: Jason Coite
 Agency: UConn - Office of Environmental Policy
 Address: 31 LeDoyt Road, U-3055; Storrs, CT 06269
 Fax: 860-486-5477
 E-Mail: jason.coite@uconn.edu

If you have questions about the Public Scoping Meeting, or other questions about the scoping for this project, please contact Mr. Coite as directed above.

UConn expects to release an Environmental Impact Evaluation for this project, for public review and comment, in September 2013.

Post-Scoping Notices: Environmental Impact Evaluation Not Required

This category is required by the October 2010 revision of the [Generic Environmental Classification Document](#) for State Agencies. A notice is published here if the sponsoring agency, after publication of a scoping notice and consideration of comments received, has determined that an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) does not need to be prepared for the proposed project.

The Following Post-Scoping Notices have been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Post-Scoping Notice for the Spring Hill Reliability Improvement Project

Municipality where project will be located: Norwalk and New Canaan

CEPA Determination: On January 8, 2013 the Department of Public Health (DPH) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this project in the *Environmental Monitor*.

Based on the DPH's environmental assessment of this project which includes [comments provided by the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection](#) (DEEP) on February 7, 2013, it has been determined that the project does not require the preparation of Environmental Impact Evaluation under CEPA. The DPH will coordinate with Norwalk First Taxing District (NFTD) to ensure that the recommendations by the DEEP will be implemented.

The agency's conclusion is documented in a [Memorandum of Findings and Determination](#) and an [Environmental Assessment Summary](#) including the following attached correspondence: [2013-02-22 Norwalk FTD](#), [2013-03-08 Norwalk FTD Final Report](#), [2013-3-20 DPH Correspondence email](#), [2013-03-22 Norwalk FTD response to DPH comments](#), [2013-03-26 Norwalk FTD-DPH correspondence email](#)

If you have questions about the project, you can contact the agency at:

Name: Mr. Eric McPhee
Agency: Department of Public Health
 Drinking Water Section
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 Hartford, CT 06134-0308
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E-Mail: dph.sourceprotection@ct.gov

What happens next: The DPH expects the project to go forward. This is expected to be the final notice of the project to be published in the *Environmental Monitor*.

2. Post-Scoping Notice for Windham Region Transit District : Bus Garage and Administration Building

Municipality where project will be located: Mansfield

CEPA Determination: On November 6, 2012, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this project in the *Environmental Monitor*. The CTDOT has received comments from the [Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#) and from the [Department of Public Health](#). The CTDOT has taken those comments into consideration and has concluded that the project does not require the preparation of Environmental Impact Evaluation under CEPA.

The agency's conclusion is documented in an [Environmental Assessment Checklist](#) and a [Memo of Findings and Determination](#).

If you have questions about the project, you can contact the agency at:

Name: Mr. Mark W. Alexander, Transportation Assistant Planning Director
Agency: Bureau of Policy and Planning
 Connecticut Department of Transportation
Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike
 Newington, CT 06131
Phone:
Fax: 860-594-3028
E-Mail: dot.environmentalplanning@ct.gov

What happens next: The CTDOT expects the project to go forward. This is expected to be the final notice of the project to be published in the *Environmental Monitor*.

3. Post-Scoping Notice for Runway Safety Area Project, Igor I Sikorsky Airport

Municipality where project will be located: Stratford

CEPA Determination: On March 19, 2013 the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit

public comments for this project in the *Environmental Monitor*. The CTDOT has received comments from the [Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#) and from the [Department of Public Health](#). The CTDOT has taken those comments into consideration and has concluded that the project does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation under CEPA. The agency's conclusion is documented in an [Environmental Assessment Checklist](#) and a [Memo of Findings and Determination](#).

If you have questions about the project, you can contact the agency at:

Name: Mr. Mark W. Alexander, Transportation Assistant Planning Director Bureau of Policy and Planning
Agency: Connecticut Department of Transportation
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 Newington, CT 06131
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What happens next: The CTDOT expects the project to go forward. This is expected to be the final notice of the project to be published in the *Environmental Monitor*.

4. Post-Scoping Notice for Norwich Public Utilities-Deep River Pumps Drives and Tanks

Municipality where project will be located: Lebanon

CEPA Determination: On February 5, 2013 the the Department of Public Health published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for Norwich Public Utilities (NPU) Deep River Pumps Drives and Tanks project in the *Environmental Monitor*. Based on the DPH's environmental assessment of this project which includes [comments provided by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection \(DEEP\)](#) dated March 7, 2013, it has been determined that the project does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) under CEPA. The DPH will coordinate with NPU to ensure that the recommendations by the DEEP.

The agency's conclusion is documented in a [Memorandum of Findings and Determination](#) and an [Environmental Assessment Summary](#).

If you have questions about the project, you can contact the agency at:

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 Hartford, CT 06134-0308
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E-Mail: DPH.Sourceprotection@ct.gov

What happens next: The DPH expects the project to go forward. This is expected to be the final notice of the project to be published in the *Environmental Monitor*.

EIE Notices

After Scoping, an agency that wishes to undertake an action that could significantly affect the environment must produce, for public review and comment, a detailed written evaluation of the expected environmental impacts. This is called an [Environmental Impact Evaluation](#) (EIE).

No EIE has been submitted for publication in this edition.

State Land Transfer Notices

Connecticut General Statutes [Section 4b-47](#) requires public notice of most proposed sales and transfers of state-owned lands. The public has an opportunity to comment on any such proposed transfer. Each notice includes an address where comments should be sent. [Read more about the five-step process...](#)

No State Land Transfer Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

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