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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Daniel M. Laub  
**From:** Stacy P. Montgomery, Architectural Historian  
**Date:** January 12, 2010

**Re:** New England Cement Company Kiln and Quarry Site, Woodbridge, CT

I am providing you with this memo in order to address questions regarding the potential visual impacts of the proposed 170-foot telecommunications structure in Woodbridge, Connecticut on historic resources. There is one property listed on the National Register of Historic Places within the 0.5 mile Area of Potential Effects (APE), the New England Cement Company Kiln and Quarry. Constructed in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the extraction and manufacturing facility consists of three historic buildings which are now owned by South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority. This site is listed on the National Register under Criterion A, for its contributions to American industrial history. There will be no direct effects to the historic buildings; impacts would be limited to visual effects of the tower. According to the National Register guidelines, not all visual effects are intrusive. In order for an indirect effect to be intrusive, an undertaking must have a detrimental impact on the property's historic setting, location, feeling, association, materials, design and workmanship. The State Historic Preservation Office issued a determination of No Effect to this property on January 15, 2009.

Although portions of the proposed tower may be visible from some vantage points on the property, the surrounding vegetation and local topography should diminish the visual intrusion on the property's setting. As a result of the planned undertaking, the significant historic features of this site will not be impacted by a change in the physical setting of the kiln and quarry. Furthermore, access to this site is restricted; any changes to the physical setting of the New England Cement Company Kiln and Quarry cannot be ascertained by the public from the site. Accordingly, the historically significant aspects of the New England Cement Company Kiln and Quarry will not be impacted by any potential visibility of the proposed facility.