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Docket No. 445

Homeland Tower, LLC

Tower facility at intersection of Old Stagecoach Road and Aspen Ledges

Ridgefield

Development and Management Plan

Staff Inspection

On Wednesday, June 17, 2015, Connecticut Siting Council (Council) staff, Fred Cunliffe and Christina Walsh conducted a Development and Management (D&M) Plan inspection of site construction. Staff also investigated a complaint of gravel at or around 50 Spireview. Spireview is a cul-de-sac road with no exit and is not used to travel to and from the tower site. Staff discovered landscaping was in progress at 50 Spireview and rock was being used/moved at this site and is not associated with the construction of the tower site.

Council staff met with Doug Barker and Nick LaPierre at the facility site. Site construction is underway with the tower foundation complete and backfilling in progress. A temporary access drive was installed with timber mats because the grade is steep approaching the site. This is needed for heavy equipment (concrete trucks, dump trucks, and crane) to approach the site. This is not depicted nor described on the D&M plan; however, Council staff believes this is prudent action to be protective of the environment. The approved access road will be constructed after the tower and facility compound are constructed. The temporary timber mats will be removed and disturbed areas will be stabilized.

Consistent with the D&M plan a construction entrance is established to minimize sediment deposition to roadways. Also, streets are swept after each work day to collect sediment tracking. Construction notices and eastern box turtle protection signage is posted at the construction entrance. Council staff asked about turtle observations and Messrs. Barker and LaPierre responded that no turtles have been observed during their time working at the site.

Silt fencing is established along the south, west, and north perimeters of the site protecting down slope areas. Rain events from Monday and Tuesday created some rilling adjacent to the timber mats on site and pooling of water down slope and contained by silt fencing on the west corner of the site. Also the silt fence on the north perimeter has been covered during backfilling of the tower foundation. Mr. Barker has directed and was active in installing additional silt fence barriers on the north side to the extent of where the toe of the 2:1 slope will be established for fill and down slope of the west perimeter to provide added protection in the area of the pooled water. The maintenance and added erosion/sediment controls are consistent with the D&M plan.

At present Council staff determined no deficiencies that required corrective action. The construction is in compliance with the approved Council's D&M Plan for this site.

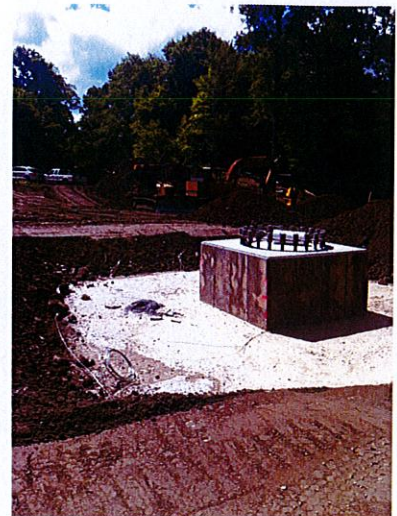
Photographs of Site Construction



West corner of site



Silt fence downslope of west corner



Tower foundation



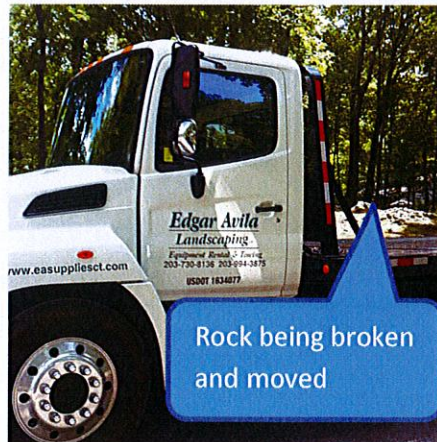
Temporary Timber mat access road



Construction entrance
(notice steel plate lower right protecting adjacent driveway)



50 Spireview



Vehicle parked at 50 Spireview