

Exhibit H

NDDB Preliminary Assessment



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Project: Preliminary Assessment for Installation of Amaral Solar PV Solar Facility Located on 215 Acres at 254 Putnam Road in Pomfret, Connecticut
NDDDB Preliminary Assessment No.: 202103657

Dear Dean Gustafson,

I have reviewed Natural Diversity Database maps and files regarding the area delineated on the map provided for Installation of Amaral Solar PV Solar Facility Located on 215 Acres at 254 Putnam Road in Pomfret, Connecticut. According to our records there are known extant populations of State Listed Species that occur within or close to the boundaries of this property. I have attached a list of species known from this area.

Please be advised that this is a preliminary review and not a final determination. A more detailed review will be necessary to move forward with any environmental permit applications submitted to DEEP for the proposed project. **This preliminary assessment letter cannot be used or submitted with registrations permit applications at DEEP.** This letter is valid for one year.

To prevent impacts to State-listed species, field surveys of the site should be performed by a qualified biologist with the appropriate scientific collecting permits at a time when these target species are identifiable. A report summarizing the results of such surveys should include:

1. Survey date(s) and duration.
2. Site descriptions and photographs.
3. List of component vascular plant and animal species within the survey area (including scientific binomials).
4. Data regarding population numbers and/or area occupied by State-listed species. Include special plant and/or animal forms found at:
https://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2702&q=323460&deepNav_GID=1628
5. Detailed maps of the area surveyed including the survey route and locations of State listed species.
6. Conservation strategies or protection plans that indicate how impacts may be avoided for all state listed species present on the site.
7. Statement/résumé indicating the biologist's qualifications. Please be sure when you hire a consulting qualified biologist to help conduct this site survey that they have the

proper experience with target taxon and have a CT scientific collectors permit to work with state listed species for this specific project.

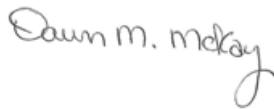
The site surveys report should be sent to our CT DEEP-NDDDB Program (deep.nddbrequest@ct.gov) for further review by our program biologists **along with an updated request** for another NDDDB review. Incomplete reports may not be accepted.

If you do not intend to do site surveys to determine the presence or absence of state-listed species, then you should presume species are present and let us know how you will protect the state-listed species from being impacted by this project. You may submit these best management practices or protection plans with your new request for an NDDDB review. Please be sure these protection plans are developed by taxonomic experts (biologists) familiar with Connecticut plants, birds, invertebrates, reptiles and amphibians. After reviewing your new NDDDB request form and the documents describing how you will protect these species from project impacts we will make a final determination and provide you with a letter from our program to use with DEEP-Permits.

Natural Diversity Database information includes all information regarding critical biological resources available to us at the time of the request. This information is a compilation of data collected over the years by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Natural History Survey, cooperating units of DEEP, landowners, private conservation groups and the scientific community. This information is not necessarily the result of comprehensive or site-specific field investigations. Consultations with the NDDDB should not be substitutes for onsite surveys necessary for a thorough environmental impact assessment. The result of this review does not preclude the possibility that listed species may be encountered on site and that additional action may be necessary to remain in compliance with certain state permits.

Please contact me if you have further questions at (860) 424-3592, or deep.nddbrequest@ct.gov
Thank you for consulting the Natural Diversity Data Base.

Sincerely,



Dawn M. McKay
Environmental Analyst 3

Species List for NDDB Request

Scientific Name	Common Name	State Status
Animal Assemblage		
Owl Roost		
Invertebrate Animal		
<i>Acronicta falcata</i>	Corylus dagger moth	SC
<i>Hemaris gracilis</i>	Slender clearwing	T
<i>Hemileuca maia maia</i>	Barrens buck moth	E
<i>Metarranthis apiciaria</i>	Barrens metarranthis moth	SC
Vertebrate Animal		
<i>Asio flammeus</i>	Short-eared owl	T
<i>Asio otus</i>	Long-eared owl	E
<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	American bittern	E
<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>	Sedge wren	E
<i>Clemmys guttata</i>	Spotted turtle	SC
<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>	Bobolink	SC
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	American kestrel	SC
<i>Glyptemys insculpta</i>	Wood turtle	SC
<i>Lasionycteris noctivagans</i>	Silver-haired bat	SC
<i>Lasiurus borealis</i>	Red bat	SC
<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	Savannah sparrow	SC
<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	Pied-billed grebe	E
<i>Progne subis</i>	Purple martin	SC
<i>Scaphiopus holbrookii</i>	Eastern spadefoot	E

E = Endangered, T = Threatened, SC = Special Concern, * Extirpated