

## Steve Kochis

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**Subject:** [External] Pre-Application Meeting Summary - Thompson Solar Development

**It was a pleasure to meet with you on September 25, 2024, regarding your current proposed activity. Thank you to all who attended.**

In summary, the applicant, C-TEC Solar, is proposing to construct a 2.95 MW fixed-tilt panel solar array on a ±19 acre portion of the property at 77 Pompeo Road in Thompson. The interconnection will be located on the western side of the project at the existing access driveway on Pompeo Rd. The applicant will be submitting this project to the Connecticut Siting Council. VHB is the Engineer of Record for the project.

Based upon the information presented at the meeting, a summary of the possible permitting requirements is as follows:

**National Diversity Database (NDDB): your contact is Robin Blum.**

- A National Diversity Database Final Determination (number 202403600) was issued on 3/13/2024 and expires on 3/13/2026. Please follow any guidance provided. At the time of this meeting the project was not located in a mapped NDDB area, however the NDDB data is always being updated. If the project work has not begun by 3/13/2026 please re-check the NDDB maps. If the mapping has changed in the interim resulting in the site now being in an NDDB Area, a new review request will need to be submitted. For projects that do not receive automatic approval, review work may take up to 10 weeks; however, if further survey work is needed, the process can take longer.

**Land and Water Resources Division (LWRD): your contact is Bianca Beland**

- Based on the information presented in the meeting, because no stream crossings or wetland impacts are planned, there are no concerns or permitting requirements from LWRD.

**Stormwater Program: your contacts are Chris Stone & Brian Dinh.**

- For disturbance of land over 1 acre and energy generation of 1MW or greater, regardless of phasing, the applicant would need to register under DEEP's [stormwater construction general permit](#) as a locally exempt project at least 60 days before beginning construction. The applicant will need to [submit their registration](#) through ezFile. Please refer to the [Stormwater Quality Manual](#), [Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control](#), and stormwater guidance for solar projects in [Appendix I of the Construction Stormwater General Permit](#) to address specific details.
- One of the key requirements to keep in mind is the retention of the Water Quality Volume, please see the Stormwater Quality Manual for additional information. Perimeter controls should be installed and stabilized first, followed by the stormwater basins before work begins on the panels.

**Environmental Review and Strategic Initiatives: your contacts are Eric Hammerling, Linda Brunza, Jordan DiDomenico, & Laschone Garrison**

- Based on the information provided at the meeting, it is the design engineer's intention to relocate the equipment pad that is currently shown on the proposed site plan adjacent to an off-site residence to a location more central on the site to avoid noise impacts on that residence.

- Specifications for perimeter fencing should maintain a 6-inch gap at the bottom for small wildlife crossings.

Please contact us if you have further questions. I have copied everyone who was in attendance at the meeting.

**Meanwhile, if you could help us improve our pre-application process by completing [this quick survey](#), we would appreciate it!**

Thanks,  
Jessica

**Jessica A. Bilyard (she/her)**

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