

Docket No. 272 – Development and Management Plan Inspection

The Connecticut Light and Power Company Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction of a new 345-kV electric transmission line and associated facilities between Scovill Rock Switching Station in Middletown and Norwalk Substation in Norwalk, Connecticut, including reconstruction of portions of existing 115-kV and 345-kV electric transmission line, the construction of Beseck Switching Station in Wallingford, East Devon Substation in Milford, (and Singer Substation in Bridgeport), modifications at Scovill Rock Switching Station and Norwalk Substation, and the reconfiguration of certain interconnections.

Segment 4b Underground Line

Date: May 15, 2008

Inspector: Gregory Sommer

Location: Westport Avenue to the Norwalk Substation in the City of Norwalk

Rain Event: 0.92” of precipitation was reported since the previous inspection, with 0.81” recorded on 5/9 (Bridgeport, CT NOAA data).

Areas of Inspection	Observation	Recommended Action	Corrected Action
Access Roads and Adjacent Roadways	<p>All work is within existing paved roadways at this time. 5/15/08</p> <p>Minimal sediment tracking was observed from the shoulder of the access road to the Sherwood Island yard. The small sink hole along the access drive has been paved. Crushed stone remains along the shoulder of the access road. 5/15/08</p>	<p>None. See erosion control section for details on sediment tracking. 5/15/08</p> <p>Continue to sweep the roadway and monitor and maintain controls as necessary. Continue to install crushed stone to stabilize exposed soils. Also, see erosion control section for details on sediment tracking. 5/15/08</p>	<p>NA (Not applicable)</p> <p>The small sink hole was paved. Needs regular attention.</p>
Vault Openings and Trench Construction Westport/Norwalk	<p>Active trenching and/or steel road plates were observed at the time of the inspection near sta. #147-148, #163-166, & #432-435 (Sasco Creek bridge crossing). 5/15/08</p> <p>Electrical contractor was proofing the lines at vaults #14 & #15. 5/15/08</p>	<p>See Erosion and Sediment Controls section of this report for additional details. 5/15/08</p> <p>None. 5/15/08</p>	<p>NA</p> <p>NA</p>

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<p>Erosion and Sediment Controls</p> <p>Norwalk</p>	<p>Controls were removed from catch basins on state routes per the request of ConnDOT to improve drainage during winter conditions. Contractor plans to discontinue use of controls for the duration of the project and clean basins as necessary. 5/15/08</p>	<p>Since controls are no longer in place in the catch basins, attend to all sediment at the source and stabilize exposed soils as quickly as possible. Clean catch basins as necessary. 5/15/08</p>	<p>Needs regular attention.</p>
	<p>Temporary curbing remains along Westport Ave. near sta. #81 (vault #5) to minimize the potential for erosion. Area has been backfilled with processed material. Some sections of silt fence need repair. 4/24-5/8/08</p>	<p>Continue to stabilize exposed soils. Repair damaged sections of silt fence. Continue to monitor and sweep the roadway as necessary. 4/24-5/15/08</p>	<p>Needs attention.</p>
	<p>Uncontained concrete washouts were also observed in a couple locations. 5/1-5/15/08</p>	<p>Remove concrete washout and properly dispose of material. Contain future washout material. 5/1-5/15/08</p>	<p>Needs attention</p>
	<p>Work appears completed near sta. #129-131 and the area remains temporarily stabilized with processed material and mulch. 5/15/08</p>	<p>Stabilize exposed soil. Sweep area if necessary and continue to monitor for stabilization. 5/15/08</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>Westport</p>	<p>Active trench work had been occurring near sta. #147. Plywood was being used to cover the adjacent catch basin. 4/24-5/15/08</p>	<p>Evaluate whether the plywood is an adequate control if work is still occurring here. 4/24-5/15/08</p>	<p>Additional evaluation needed.</p>
	<p>Portions of the erosion controls are deteriorating between the hard- pack material and Stony Brook at sta. #217 and don't provide complete coverage. Some areas of process material and soil appear to have the potential to run-off (since 1/24). 5/15/08</p>	<p>Continue to monitor and maintain controls as necessary. Ensure that all material remains contained. See Inland Wetlands section for more details. 1/24-5/15/08</p>	<p>Continue to monitor.</p>

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<p>Kings Highway Lay-down Yard (Fairfield) (Currently being used for Segment 4a and 4b operations.)</p>	<p>Sediment tracking and heavy rutting was observed in the island near sta. #316-318 (since 11/21) as a result of access by electrical contractors. Active work has been complete for several months (since 2/21) and stabilization is needed. 2/21-5/15/08</p>	<p>Remove the accumulated sediment along the curb and sweep the roadway as necessary. Temporarily stabilize any portions where active work/access is no longer required. The remainder of this area needs to be sufficiently stabilized. 12/31- 5/15/08 Coordinate responsibilities between contractors if needed. 5/15/08</p>	<p>Needs attention. <i>Contractors are currently working out responsibility for this area.</i></p>
	<p>Bituminous curbing along the north side of the median near sta. #316-318 is broken and/or missing in some areas. 1/24-5/15/08</p>	<p>Replace bituminous curbing if work is complete in this area. 1/24-5/15/08</p>	<p>Needs attention when work is complete in the area</p>
	<p>A small soil stockpile was observed near sta.#433+65, without controls in place. 5/15/08</p>	<p>See Spills & Material Storage section for more information. 5/15/08</p>	<p>See Spills & Material Storage section</p>
	<p>Perimeter controls remain in place but some areas need repair. (See 4A report for more details.). Sediment tracking and dust migration were minor issues. 5/1-5/15/08</p>	<p>Continue to sweep the roadway as necessary. Continue to monitor and maintain controls. Consider watering the yard or spreading out the stone piles to control dust. 5/1-5/15/08</p>	<p>Controls need attention.</p>
<p>Sherwood Island lay-down yard</p>	<p>Perimeter controls remain in place. Sediment tracking was not observed along the access road. Crushed stone remains throughout the yard. Vehicles and equipment continue to park in areas adjacent to the access road. Materials are also being stored along the access road. Washout water (from cleaning the frac tanks) was dumped into the material stockpile to bind together prior to disposal. 5/15/08 The small sink hole has</p>	<p>Continue to sweep the roadway and monitor and maintain controls as necessary. Continue spreading crushed stone where equipment is being stored to reduce tracking. Full restoration (including stone removal) will be needed when access needs are complete. 5/15/08</p>	<p>Needs regular attention. The small sink hole was paved.</p>

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	been paved. 5/15/08		
Inland Wetland and Watercourse encroachment and mitigation	<p>The Kings Highway lay-down yard is located adjacent to potential resource areas and a concrete lined waterway. 5/15/08</p> <p>Areas adjacent to the Stony Brook bridge have been seeded but not mulched. Grass cover is present in some areas while other areas adjacent to the walls are still bare/ gravel material. (since 9/11/07). 5/15/08</p>	<p>See Erosion and Sediment Controls section. 5/15/08</p> <p>Continue restoration/ stabilization efforts and monitor until vegetation is fully restored. See Erosion and Sediment Controls section for additional details. Exposed material appears to have the potential to wash into the stream. (noted since 2/14) Consider working out a shrub planting plan with the landowner to provide shading for the brook 3/6-5/15/08</p>	<p>NA</p> <p>Needs evaluation.</p>
Staging, Storage, and Parking Areas	<p>A contractor lay-down yard is located within Sherwood Island State Park. 5/15/08</p> <p>A contractor lay-down yard is located off of Kings Highway near the Rt. 1 rotary. This is being used for both 4a and 4b activities. 5/15/08</p> <p>The staging area on the east side of the Saugatuck River near sta. #251 has been restored. Stone remains near the corner of the access drive to minimize the potential for tracking. The drainage swale has also been restored and has vegetated. 5/15/08</p>	<p>See the Erosion and Sediment Controls section for more detail 5/8/08</p> <p>See Erosion and Sediment Controls section for more detail. 5/15/08</p> <p>Continue to monitor area and provide any necessary restoration after electrical contractor work is complete. 5/15/08</p>	<p>NA</p> <p>NA</p> <p>NA at this time</p>
Soils	<p>Exposed soils were noted due to excavation for trench, vault, and utility work. 5/15/08</p>	<p>Soils appear to have been handled appropriately. 5/15/08</p>	<p>NA</p>

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	<p>Minor amounts of soil have been exposed as part of the vault construction and tie-in activities. Portions of the exposed soil near the vaults remain stabilized with hard-pack material or crushed stone. 5/15/08</p> <p>Vehicles continue to park on the previously seeded areas/exposed soils near sta. #334 (vault #20). The soil is well compacted. Minor rutting and tracking were observed. 5/15/08</p> <p>Vault tie-in work near sta. #234 is completed and the area is backfilled and is expected to be paved within the next few weeks (since 3/20). The adjacent area was previously seeded and is beginning to vegetate. 5/15/08</p>	<p>If exposed soils are not to be worked within 21 days, they should be stabilized within 7 days of the last activity. Where work has been completed, the areas should be seeded, and mulched as part of permanent restoration. 5/15/08</p> <p>Continue to monitor the area. Work out the parking situation with the landowner. Install bituminous curbing. 11/21/07-5/15/08</p> <p>Monitor areas of exposed soils for vegetation growth. Pave area as soon as feasible to permanently restore area. 3/20-5/15/08</p>	<p>Continue to monitor areas.</p> <p>Contractor is currently working with the landowner to resolve the parking situation.</p> <p>Remaining area needs attention when feasible.</p> <p>Grass growth noted in adjacent areas.</p>
<p>State species of concern, threatened and endangered species.</p>	<p>According to the D&M plan, state-listed species are not located in this work area. 5/15/08</p>	<p>None. 5/15/08</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>Vegetative clearing (including trees to save or danger trees noted) or stabilization</p>	<p>Trees were previously removed near vault #12 to accommodate work. 5/15/08</p> <p>Some areas near vault #20 are approximately 75% vegetated, while others have failed to vegetate due to vehicles parking in these areas from adjacent businesses. 11/08/07-5/15/08</p>	<p>Cleared trees have been removed in accordance with the D&M plan. Restore as required by the D&M plan when feasible. 5/15/08</p> <p>Areas can be considered stable once it has reached 75% cover. See Soils section. Work on solutions with the landowner and apply sufficient mulch for the winter. 5/15/08</p>	<p>NA</p> <p>Needs attention when feasible.</p>

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	Two trees have previously been removed near sta. #145 per the D&M plan. 5/15/08	Cleared trees have been removed in accordance with the D&M plan. Restore as required by the D&M plan when feasible. 5/15/08	NA
Dewatering	Dewatering was not observed during this week's inspection. 5/15/08	Continue to ensure that material is contained appropriately and treated according to the ground-water handling plan as referenced in the D&M. 5/15/08	NA
Spills and Material Storage	<p>Spill cleanup materials/kits were observed in the storage yard. 5/15/08</p> <p>A light post and associated concrete footings were being stored at sta. #148. Materials appear to be project related. 10/4/07-5/15/08</p> <p>A small soil stockpile was observed near sta. #433+65. The material was not contained and appears to have migrated into the adjacent parking lot area. 5/15/08</p>	<p>Ensure that spill kits are also present with each vehicle during active construction. 5/15/08</p> <p>Remove or attend to materials when feasible. 10/4/07-5/15/08</p> <p>Remove soil stockpile or provide adequate containment or stabilization. Sweep parking lot as necessary to remove any residual material. 5/15/08</p>	<p>NA</p> <p>Needs attention when feasible.</p> <p>Needs attention.</p>
Additional Observations	None. 5/15/08	None. 5/15/08	NA

Next likely scheduled inspection:

Thursday May 22, 2008

I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and certify that based on reasonable investigation, including my inquiry of those individuals responsible for obtaining the information, the submitted information is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I understand that any false statements made in this document or its attachments may be punishable as a criminal offense in accordance with Section 22a-6 under Section 53a-157 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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Trenching and vault tie-in work continues near sta. #148-149.



The staging area on the east side of the Saugatuck River has been restored. Electrical contractors were on site proofing the lines.



A small soil stockpile was observed near sta. #433+65. The material appeared to have migrated into the parking lot. Use controls or temporarily stabilize the soil.



Work continues on the bridge over Sasco Creek continues near near sta. #434 as conduit sleeves were being installed under the bridge deck.