

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: November 1, 2007

Inspector: Gregory Sommer

Location: Fairfield/Westport Town Line to Westport Avenue in Norwalk

Rain Event: 0.12" of precipitation was reported since the previous inspection, with the total 0.12" recorded on 10/25 (Bridgeport, CT NOAA data).

Areas of Inspection	Observation	Recommended Action	Corrected Action
Access Roads and Adjacent Roadways	All work is within existing paved roadways at this time. 11/01/07 Following several weeks of issues, sediment tracking was not observed at the entrance or access road to the Sherwood Island lay-down yard. 11/01/07	None. See erosion control section for details on sediment tracking. 11/01/07 Continue to monitor and sweep the area on a regular basis. 11/01/07	NA (Not applicable) Issues not noted this week but needs regular attention.
Vault Openings and Trench Construction Westport/Norwalk	Construction/trenching activities and/or steel road plates were observed at the time of the inspection at sta.: #87-90, #96-98, #126-130, #146-147, #202, & #296-299. 11/01/07	See Erosion and Sediment Control sections of this report for additional details. 11/01/07	NA
Erosion and Sediment Controls	Filter fabric or filter socks have been placed in catch basins that are down-gradient of/adjacent to construction activities. 11/01/07	Continue to place a gutter buddy (or similar) in any catch basins with a curb/gutter drop inlet to prevent sediment from entering basin. Install controls where necessary. 11/01/07	Catch basins were protected.

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Westport/Norwalk	Silt fence remains between the road and the brook off Imperial Ave. at sta. #260. Active work is not occurring here at this time. 11/01/07	Ensure that the silt fence is in good condition if work here resumes. 11/01/07	NA at this time
	Erosion controls are in place between the hard-pack material and Stony Brook at sta. #217. 11/01/07	Continue to monitor and maintain controls as necessary. See Inland Wetlands section for more details. 11/01/07	NA at this time
	Ponding was previously observed in the parking lot near sta. #98 (vault #6). The silt sack has been replaced and drainage function was restored. However, heavy sediment accumulation remains in the parking lot area. 11/01/07	Continue routine maintenance on all protected catch basins. Sweep parking lot. And remove the sediment. 11/01/07	Silt sack has been replaced. Additional attention is needed.
	Heavy sediment accumulation was previously observed on the roadway near sta. #146 (vault #9). A silt sack has been installed in the catch basin. 11/01/07	Maintain controls and provide additional stabilization to adjacent landscaped areas and work sites. 11/01/07	Silt sack has been installed. Needs additional attention to stabilize landscaped areas.
	The silt fence between sta. #316+50-317+25 that was heavily frayed has been replaced with new fence. The surrounding area remains temporarily stabilized with hay mulch. Ruts remain. 11/01/07	Continue to maintain controls and monitor the area for final stabilization. 11/01/07	New silt fence has been installed.
	Concrete slurry residue was evident on the roadway near sta. #81 (vault #5), but did not appear to impact the catch basin. 11/01/07	Sweep the roadway to remove concrete slurry residue. Perform washouts in designated, contained areas. 11/01/07	Needs attention
Kings Highway Lay-down Yard (Fairfield) (Currently being used for Segment 4a and 4b)	No issues were observed at the yard at the time of the inspection. Perimeter controls remain in place.	Continue to monitor and maintain controls as necessary. 11/01/07	NA

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operations.) Sherwood Island lay-down yard	Dust migration and tracking were not an issue. 11/01/07 Sediment tracking was not observed this week but some dust migration was noted. 11/01/07 Stockpile of debris material is very large. Saw cutting slurry was dumped near the edge of the debris pile in the access road, increasing the potential for tracking. Perimeter controls remain in place. 10/18-11/01/07	Stabilize access roads and surfaces within yard to remove mud/ruts and reduce tracking. Perform dust mitigation measures as needed. 11/01/07 Manage the debris material stockpile to reduce tracking and to facilitate the emptying of street sweeping equipment in a contained area 10/25-11/01/07	Needs regular attention. Needs regular attention.
Inland Wetland and Watercourse encroachment and mitigation	The Kings Highway lay-down yard is located adjacent to potential resource areas and a concrete lined waterway. 11/01/07 Construction activities appear to be complete at Stony Brook. Flow has been returned to original channel. Area has been seeded but not mulched. Grass is beginning to germinate. 9/11-11/01/07	See erosion control section. 11/01/07 Continue restoration/stabilization efforts and monitor until vegetation is fully restored. See erosion control section for additional details. 9/11-11/01/07	NA Continue restoration efforts
Staging, Storage, and Parking Areas	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. 11/01/07 A contractor lay-down yard is located within Sherwood Island State Park. Multiple controls were used to stabilize the yard. However, equipment and materials are being stored outside the contained yard again.	See Erosion Control section for more detail. 11/01/07 See the Erosion Control and Spills and Material Storage sections for more detail. Review the yard agreement and store equipment appropriately. 10/25-11/01/07	NA Needs evaluation

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	10/25-11/01/07		
Soils	Exposed soils were noted due to excavation for trench, vault, and utility work. It appears soils are being handled properly. 11/01/07	Continue to monitor. 11/01/07	NA
State species of concern, threatened and endangered species.	According to the D&M plan, state-listed species are not located in this work area. 11/01/07	None. 11/01/07	NA
Vegetative clearing (including trees to save or danger trees noted) or stabilization	Minor amounts of soil have been exposed as part of the vault #6, #9, #12, #13, #19, #20, #23, and #26 construction and tie-in activities. Portions of the exposed soil near the vaults remain stabilized with hard-pack material or mulch. 3/15-11/01/07	Continue to stabilize the exposed soil. 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, seed and mulch should be applied to the top soil for permanent stabilization. 11/01/07	Continue to restore the areas.
	Work has been completed in the area adjacent to Stony Brook (sta. #217). Area near the entrance drive has approximately 50% new grass cover. Contractor is working with owner to reach agreement on final restoration measures. 11/01/07	Implement final restoration plan once agreement is reached. See the Erosion Control and Inland Wetlands sections for more details 11/01/07	NA
	Vault #12 work area is temporarily stabilized with hard-pack and hay mulch. Trees were previously removed to accommodate work. 11/01/07	Cleared trees have been approved for removal in accordance with the D&M plan. Restore as required by the D&M plan when feasible. 11/01/07	NA
	Silt fence is in place near vault #20 but acts more as a barrier to prevent vehicles from parking on seeded areas. The area is approximately 75% vegetated. 11/01/07	The area can be considered stable as it has reached 75% cover. 11/01/07	NA

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	Two trees have been up-rooted near sta. #145 per the D&M plan. 11/01/07 Hay mulch remains at the area of sta. #316-318 (vault #19). Ruts remain in several areas. 11/01/07	Cleared trees have been removed in accordance with the D&M plan. Restore as required by the D&M plan when feasible. 11/01/07 Continue to monitor for vegetative cover to ensure final stabilization. Reseed or regrade as necessary. 11/01/07	NA Continue to monitor.
Dewatering	Dewatering activities were not being conducted at the time of the inspection. 11/01/07	Continue to appropriately contain and/or filter discharge water. 11/01/07	NA
Spills and Material Storage	Spill cleanup materials/kits were observed in the storage yard. 11/01/07 A light post and associated concrete footings were being stored at sta. #148. Materials appear to be project related. 10/4-11/01/07 Equipment and materials were noted stored beyond the Sherwood Island lay-down yard limits. 11/01/07	Ensure that spill kits are also present with each vehicle during active construction. 11/01/07 Remove or attend to materials when feasible. 10/4-11/01/07 Continue to proactively store all equipment in the designated contained locations. 11/01/07	NA Needs attention when feasible Needs regular attention
Additional Observations	None 11/01/07	None 11/01/07	NA

Next likely scheduled inspection: Thursday, November 8, 2007

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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Steel plates are in place over the exposed trench near sta. #96, as tie-in work continues at vault #6. The silt sack in the catch basin has been replaced but heavy sediment remains in the parking lot area following the water ponding here last week.



Stockpile of debris material in the Sherwood Island lay-down yard is growing very large. Saw cutting slurry was dumped near the edge of the debris pile on the access road within the yard, increasing the potential for tracking.