Post-Scoping Notice for Building a Regional Composting Facility for Southeastern Connecticut

Address of Possible Project Location: 132 Military Highway (Route 12), Preston, CT 06365

Municipality where proposed action might be located: Town of Preston

Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Determination: On May 20, 2025, the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) published a Notice of Scoping (https://portal.ct.gov/ceq/environmental-monitor/environmental-monitor/environmental-monitor-current-issue#scoping) to solicit public comments for this proposed Regional Composting Facility and Recycling Infrastructure in the Environmental Monitor.

One (1) comment was received during the public comment period from the State of Connecticut Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). This comment and its answer are summarized in the Memo of Findings and Determination.

After consideration of the comment received, the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has determined:

To proceed with the preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) for the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority's (SCRRRA) proposal to construct and operate an aerobic food waste composting facility in southeastern Connecticut utilizing a hybrid compost system, combining aerated static pile (ASP) processing with open windrows for curing, under DEEP's Materials Management Infrastructure (MMI) Grant Program.

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What Happens Next:

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) will proceed with the preparation of an EIE for the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority's (SCRRA) proposal to construct and operate an aerobic food waste composting facility in southeastern Connecticut utilizing a hybrid compost system, combining aerated static pile (ASP) processing with open windrows for curing. When an EIE is completed, a notice of the availability of the EIE will be published in a future edition of the Environmental Monitor.