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MEMORANDUM

То:	Council on Environmental Quality, Environmental Monitor
From:	Lisette Stone, Department of Public Health (DPH) Drinking Water Section
CC:	Lisa Morrissey, MPH, DPH Deputy Commissioner Linda Brunza, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Date:	September 20, 2024
Subject:	Post-Scoping Notice for Portland Water Department Development of Public Drinking Water Infrastructure

The above referenced project was published on <u>August 6, 2024</u> in the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) *Environmental Monitor* in solicitation of public comments and in accordance with the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) requirements.

During the 30-day open public commenting period, the Department of Public Health (DPH) received comments from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). The applicant's responses to DEEP's comments were submitted to DPH on September 12, 2024.

Based on the comments and responses received, and the analysis documented in the attached Environmental Review Checklist (ERC), DPH does not recommend the preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) under CEPA. DPH will coordinate with the Town of Portland to ensure that recommendations received during the scoping period as appropriate are implemented.

The attached ERC demonstrates and documents that the Department intends to move forward with funding this project without requiring to have an EIE conducted.

Should you have any questions, please send them via email to <u>DPH.SourceProtection@ct.gov</u>.