

SECTION 1.10–ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

In Article 1.10.03-Water Pollution Control: REQUIRED BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Add the following after Required Best Management Practices Number 13:

14. The Contractor is hereby notified that one or more State and/or federally listed species of bat has been documented within the Project limits. In Connecticut, the Eastern small-footed bat (*Myotis leibii*), tri-colored bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*), little brown bat (*Myotis lucifugus*), Northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) and the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) are listed as State endangered; while the silver-haired bat (*Lasiurus noctivagans*), hoary bat (*Lasiurus cinereus*) and the red bat (*Lasiurus borealis*) are listed as State species of special concern. The Northern long-eared bat and the Indiana bat are also federally listed species. Bats are the only mammals capable of actual flight and are primarily nocturnal. During the daylight, bats roost in trees and caves, but many have now adapted to roost in buildings including barns, houses, tunnels, and bridges. Within the Project limits, bats will use the snags, cavities, and underside of flakey bark to roost and raise young. This Project will have a Time of Year (TOY) restriction for tree clearing to protect the bat species listed.

The Contractor shall, through the Engineer and at least 10 days prior to the commencement of any construction activities, arrange for the Office of Environmental Planning (OEP) or their authorized delegate to be available to meet and discuss proper protocol for maintaining environmental commitments made for the protection of these bat species and their habitat. OEP will provide oversight through the Engineer to ensure that the following protocols are followed and maintained during the Project:

- a. The Contractor, through the Engineer, shall arrange a pre-construction tree-clearing Site walk to review all trees proposed to be removed for the Project.
- b. Clearing of any tree three (3) inches diameter at breast height (DBH) or greater will be prohibited between the time of April 15th and October 31st.

These practices will be applied to the entire Project unless a specified location is identified within the Project plans, which denotes specific areas of concern.

If any bats are observed by the Contractor in or around the Project area, the Engineer shall be notified and be responsible for completing and submitting the NDDDB Vertebrate Sheet at (https://portal.ct.gov/media/DEEP/wildlife/forms_applications/PublicBatSightingspdf.pdf). The Engineer will be responsible to contact OEP immediately. If OEP staff cannot be reached, the District Environmental Coordinator will need to be contacted to facilitate further coordination with OEP's Environmental Resources Compliance Unit.

All listed bat species are protected by federal and/or State laws which prohibit killing, harming, taking, harassing, or keeping them in your possession. A fact sheet(s) for the listed bats noted above shall be posted in the Contractor's and Inspection field offices and can be downloaded at the link below.

CTDEEP's Fact Sheet for Bats:

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/wildlife/pdf_files/outreach/fact_sheets/Bats.pdf