

To: Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), Environmental Monitor

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Subject: Replacement Bridge No. 00853, Route 16 over Salmon River
East Hampton, CT
State Project No. 0041-0121
Memorandum of Findings and Determination

On September 19, 2023, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) published a Notice of Scoping in the *Environmental Monitor* to solicit comments for the subject project. A public scoping meeting was held on October 5, 2023, and the scoping period concluded on October 19, 2023.

During the scoping comment period and at the public scoping meeting, CTDOT received comments from members of the public as well as from one State agency - the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP).

Based on the comments received, and the analysis documented in the attached Environmental Review Checklist, CTDOT does not recommend the preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation under the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act. Comments and recommendations received were reviewed in conjunction with the preparation of the Environmental Review Checklist and addressed within the checklist, as appropriate.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at:
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