

MEMORANDUM

To: Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)
Date: May 7, 2024
Subject: Memorandum of Findings and Determination
New School of Nursing Building at the University of Connecticut

The University of Connecticut (the University) is planning to construct a new School of Nursing Building on its South Campus in Storrs within the existing Parking Lot S, on Bolton Road. The Proposed Action assessed under the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) process consisted of the following main project elements:

- A four-story building, approximately 70,000-80,000 gross square feet (gsf) in size, housing instructional spaces, a Simulation Lab Suite, a Human Behavioral Research Lab, a Wet Lab, a Student Academic Center, and offices and support spaces
- Accessible parking and service and loading zones
- Usable open space around the building

On August 8, 2023, the University published a Notice of Scoping in the *Environmental Monitor* to solicit comments for the project and announced a public meeting. A public scoping meeting was held on August 30, 2023, and the scoping period concluded on September 8, 2023. During this time, in addition to receiving comments from the public, the University received comments from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) and the Town of Mansfield. On March 5, 2024, the University published a Notice of Time Extension in the *Environmental Monitor* for a Post-Scoping Notice to be finalized on or before May 7, 2024.

Based upon the comments received, recommendations reviewed in consultation with its environmental planning consultant, and the analysis documented in the Environmental Review Checklist, the University has determined preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) for the Proposed Action is not warranted. Accordingly, a Post-Scoping Notice and an Environmental Review Checklist with attachments are hereto submitted for publication in the *Environmental Monitor* on May 7, 2024 and shall satisfy the agency's responsibilities under *Section 22a-1a-7 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies* (RCSA).