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To:	Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), Environmental Monitor
From:	Kevin Fleming Transportation Planner II Connecticut Department of Transportation Office of Environmental Planning
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Subject:	Rehabilitation of Bridge 00793A – Route 15 Northbound Over Quinnipiac River Wallingford, CT State Project No. 148-213 Memorandum of Findings and Determination

On July 19, 2022, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) published a Notice of Scoping in the *Environmental Monitor* to solicit comments for the subject project. During the scoping period, CTDOT received comments from one state agency - the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. A public scoping meeting was not held, and the public comment period concluded on August 19, 2022. However, prior to public scoping, a Virtual Public Information Meeting was held on May 12, 2022, where comments were received from the public. A link to a report of that meeting including comments received and CT DOT's responses are included within the post scoping notice for this project.

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 Assessment Checklist and addressed within the checklist, as appropriate.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at <u>kevin.fleming@ct.gov</u>.