

APPENDIX M
UI's Guidance for Preserving Eastern Box Turtles & Their Habitats

UI and its contractors shall take the following measures, as approved by The Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, to protect the eastern box turtle.

All contractors and UI personnel working within the eastern box turtle habitat will be trained on the following materials:

- Silt fencing will be installed around the work area prior to construction;
- After silt fencing is installed and prior to construction, a sweep of the work area will be conducted to look for turtles;
 - A sweep will be conducted each day at the beginning and end of each construction shift
 - Continuous monitoring will occur while vehicles or heavy machinery pass through these areas
- Workers will be apprised of the possible presence of turtles, and provided a description of the species
- Any turtles that are discovered will be moved, unharmed, to an area immediately outside of the fenced area, and positioned in the same direction that it was walking;
- No vehicles or heavy machinery will be parked in any turtle habitat;
- Work conducted during the early morning and evening hours will occur with special care not to harm basking or foraging individuals; and
- All silt fencing will be removed after work is completed and soils are stable so that reptile and amphibian movement between uplands and wetlands is not restricted.
- If a live species is observed during construction communication will be made both internally and to the appropriate regulatory agencies.