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To: Connecticut Chief Elected Officials
Connecticut Water Pollution Control Authorities
Professional Consultants providing wastewater infrastructure services to Connecticut municipal and regional entities

RE: Review of wastewater infrastructure plans and specifications for locally funded projects

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (The Department) has been reviewing its policies and practices with a goal of streamlining its operations and reducing or eliminating unnecessary or redundant activities. Recently, the Planning and Standards Division of the Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse identified a series of document reviews as having the potential for reduction or elimination.

It has been the Department's practice to review all modifications or expansions of wastewater conveyance and treatment facilities. Historically, designs for such proposals were routinely submitted to the Department for review and approval prior to initiating construction. An evaluation of the need for such reviews has indicated that the regulated community and their consultants are well-versed in the technical and administrative requirements of such designs, and as such, reviews of such efforts at the state level are considered a duplication of effort and therefore redundant.

Therefore, as of the date of this document, the Department will only conduct detailed technical reviews of the design of specific categories of wastewater conveyance and treatment facilities. The categories continuing to require a Department review of plans and specifications are:

1. All projects for which funding is sought through the Connecticut Clean Water Fund or other state funding source,
2. All proposed construction of or modifications to municipally-owned or operated wastewater treatment facilities, regardless of funding source,
3. All proposed construction of or modifications to major wastewater pump stations with a peak design capacity of 5.0 million gallons per day or greater, regardless of funding source.

For all other wastewater infrastructure projects, the local entity having regulatory authority (Water Pollution Control Authorities or other municipal or regional entities acting on their behalf) shall be responsible for ensuring that the designs meet all technical and administrative requirements. To ensure that such reviews continue to be accomplished at the local level, municipal or regional entities will be required to submit the following assurances to the Department following the completion of construction of such projects:

1. A map showing the location of the project and, if appropriate, changes in the sewer service area resulting from such project.

2. A statement from the municipal or regional entity having regulatory authority that all aspects of the project meet, at a minimum, the requirements of the current New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission "Guides for the Design of Wastewater Treatment Works" (also known as TR-16).
3. A statement that the local entity having regulatory authority has determined that the project is consistent with the requirements of current state and local plans of conservation and development.

The above documents should be sent to:

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Thank you for your cooperation as we seek to make our operations more streamlined, efficient, and responsive to our regulated community.

Sincerely,



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