

## **SECTION 1.10 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE**

### **In Article 1.10.03-Water Pollution Control: REQUIRED BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

*Add the following after Required Best Management Practices Number 13:*

14. The peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) is a State threatened species and Connecticut's largest falcon, measuring up to 20 inches. Adults are slate gray above and pale underneath with fine bars and spots of black; they have long pointed wings with a narrow tail. Young falcons have the same composition, but are darker underneath and browner all over. Peregrine falcons have adapted to life in urban settings. In Connecticut, they sometimes utilize bridges for nesting and brood rearing purposes. Peregrines will actively and aggressively defend the nest. The peregrine will attack anyone or anything that comes within the area of its nest. The peregrine falcon nesting season occurs between the months of April and July. For this reason, special conditions regarding the timing of work on the structures, and immediate area that have nesting falcons must be adhered to.

In order to protect this species and project personnel, any construction and/or inspection activities which are within 500 feet of an identified nest shall not be permitted during nesting season (between April 1<sup>st</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup>). Any change in construction sequencing or timing affecting work within 500 feet of a known nest shall not be permitted.

The Contractor shall, through the Engineer, at least 10 days prior to the commencement of any construction activities, arrange for a CT DOT Environmental Inspector from the Office of Environmental Planning (OEP) or their authorized delegate to be available to meet and identify the nest location as well as discuss proper protocol for maintaining environmental commitments made to the protection of this species and habitat.

This species is protected by State laws which prohibit killing, harming, taking, or keeping them in your possession. Workers shall be notified of the existence of peregrine falcons in the area and be apprised of the laws protecting them. Photographs of, and the laws protecting, peregrine falcons shall be posted in the Contractor's and DOT field offices (species ID sheets will be provided by OEP). Any observations of this species are to be immediately reported to the Department.