



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region 1
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SEP 29 2011

Honorable Marian K. Galbraith, Mayor
City of Groton
295 Meridian Street
Groton, CT 06340

Re: City of Groton FY2005 Congressional Earmark Grant

Dear Mayor Galbraith:

We regret to inform you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will not be able to award the City of Groton \$336,800 for the proposed Route 1 water main extension project provided in the Fiscal Year 2005 (Public Law 108-447) Appropriations Act. The Fiscal Year 2011 Appropriations Act (Public Law 112-10), passed by Congress on April 14, 2011, and effective on April 15, 2011, requires a rescission of \$140 million from EPA's State and Tribal Grant appropriation and will, unfortunately, include the funding for this project. In the midst of this austere federal budget situation EPA is faced with difficult fiscal decisions.

We appreciate the dedication and efforts of the Groton Utilities staff to move this project along. Unfortunately, the rescission went into effect as we were in the process of processing the grant award. Knowing the outstanding work that Rick Stevens and his staff (i.e. Bruce Kruszewski) have done and continue to do to protect public health, this makes it more difficult for us to pass along this latest development to you and the City of Groton. The Connecticut Department of Public Health's Drinking Water Section has also devoted a lot of time to this endeavor and has been an advocate for the proposed project.

Should you have any further, you may contact David Chin (Project Officer) of our Municipal Assistance Unit at 617-918-1764 or chin.david@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ira W. Leighton". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ira W. Leighton, Deputy Regional Administrator
EPA Region I, Boston

cc: Lori Mathieu, Manager, Drinking Water Section, CTDPH
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