

MEMORANDUM

To: Council on Environmental Quality, Environmental Monitor

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Department of Public Health-Drinking Water Section

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Date: December 2, 2014

Subject: Groton Water Treatment Plant Upgrade

Attached please find the Environmental Assessment Summary for the above referenced project. Scoping for the project began on June 3, 2014 and ended on July 2, 2014.

The Department of Public Health (DPH) received comments from Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) on July 2, 2014 and from the DEEP Natural Diversity Data Base on July 7, 2014. Since the original scoping notice, GU performed a round of value engineering on the proposed upgrade and determined that it was preferable to construct a new building addition to completely house the DAF/GAC filtration process rather than retrofitting the existing plant to accommodate it. The plans were shared with the DEEP on November 17, 2014 for review. The DEEP indicated in an email dated November 18, 2014 that it had no additional comments. The DPH will coordinate with Groton Utilities to ensure that the DEEP's recommendations will be considered and implemented. Based on the comments received, it is recommended that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIE) is not warranted for this project. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (860) 509-7333.