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Subject: Response to OPM's comments on Scoping Notice – Cedar Ridge Drive Water Main Extension in Glastonbury, CT

Dear Mr. Wittchen:

The Drinking Water Section (DWS) has received your comments dated October 18, 2018 to the Scoping Notice for the water main extension on Cedar Ridge Drive in Glastonbury, CT that is being funded through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF).

In your letter you raise concerns that this project only addresses a limited number of private wells in the Town of Glastonbury with high uranium levels in their private wells. While this is correct, the DPH has a time sensitive opportunity to provide funding for a readily available public health solution to the homeowners on Cedar Ridge Drive. These residents have documented uranium contamination and have contributed their own money to the Town of Glastonbury to repay the Town of Manchester for this work. The DWSRF is being utilized as a financing vehicle for this project because this work is eligible for federal subsidization to make it a more affordable for these homeowners.

The Town of Glastonbury and the DPH are fully aware that more studies need to be undertaken to fully understand the impact that naturally occurring uranium in the area's bedrock formations has had on private wells. This process will take time to secure funding, gather the necessary data and develop a comprehensive plan for the impacted areas. In addition, the Town of Glastonbury receives public water service from both Manchester Water Department and the Metropolitan District Commission. Both water companies will need to participate in this planning phase also. The DPH will provide support to the Town during this process including additional financial assistance through the DWSRF if it becomes needed.



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We appreciate OPM's comments on the project and if you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to contact Cameron Walden of my staff at (860) 509-7333.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Mathieu".

Lori Mathieu
Public Health Section Chief

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