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**OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT**  
**Comprehensive Planning and Intergovernmental Policy Division**

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Re: Notice of Scoping: Manchester Water Department-Glastonbury Water Main Extension

Dear Eric:

The Office of Policy and Management (OPM) has reviewed the [Notice of Scoping](#) for the proposed water main extension on Cedar Ridge Drive in Glastonbury and submits the following comment:

DPH's scoping notice says the project is intended to resolve an identified public health concern for ten properties in the Town of Glastonbury. An 8/8/2018 article in Manchester's *Journal Inquirer*, however, reported that at least 40 homes have unsafe levels of uranium, with the proposed solution assisting only some of them:

*At least 40 homeowners in town have reported levels of uranium that make their water unsafe to drink, and in some cases unsafe for any household use, which has led to an agreement to extend a Manchester water line to service some of the affected homes.*

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*Homeowners who are not on the portion of Cedar Ridge Drive that is receiving the water line extension will have to address the well issues on their own.*

[http://www.journalinquirer.com/connecticut\\_and\\_region/manchester-water-to-rescue-line-extension-will-help-some-in/article\\_6d727830-9b1f-11e8-b7ba-539b9adf7f9e.html](http://www.journalinquirer.com/connecticut_and_region/manchester-water-to-rescue-line-extension-will-help-some-in/article_6d727830-9b1f-11e8-b7ba-539b9adf7f9e.html)

The limited information readily available to the public at this time suggests that the state is funding a project that can resolve only a portion of an identified public health concern, with no explanation of why. An environmental review, even one that does not require an environmental impact evaluation, should be seen as an agency's opportunity to fully explain a project's purpose and limitations, as well as to address public concerns that have already been raised. Doing so can help the public understand how the agency evaluated the need and determined a solution, which might be especially important for a project such as this, in which two of the properties that will receive access to the water main are not yet developed.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this Notice of Scoping and please feel free to contact

me if you have any questions.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bruce Wittchen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bruce" being more prominent than the last name "Wittchen".

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