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Re: Notice of Scoping: East Side Pressure Zone Improvements, Southington

Dear Eric:

The Office of Policy and Management (OPM) has reviewed the Notice of Scoping for East Side Pressure Zone Improvements and submits the following comments:

- DPH's scoping notice describes this project as one of multiple phases of work to be added to the previously scoped East Side Storage Tank and Pump Station project:

The Southington Water Department (SWD) proposes to install 1,350 feet of 12 inch water main in Flanders Road and Pattonwood Drive as part of the first phase of a pipe looping project proposed as additional work to the East Side Storage Tank and Pump Station project.

The scoping notice, and resulting post-scoping notice, for the East Side Storage Tank and Pump Station project did not identify the existence of other deficiencies within the water system, nor did they indicate the consideration of additional phases as part of that project. CGS Sec. 22a-1c defines "actions which may significantly affect the environment" as an individual activity or a sequence of planned activities proposed to be undertaken by a state department. At what point did the Town and DPH become aware of the water quality concerns and other necessary improvements as described in this scoping notice? Was this project reasonably foreseeable at the time of the East Side Storage Tank and Pump Station project? What is the purpose and need of this project, relative to the original project?

- Funding for the East Side Storage Tank and Pump Station project come from SFY 2016 Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (DWSRF):

http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/drinking_water/pdf/Final_SFY_2016_IUP_w-att_bookmarked.pdf

It is OPM's understanding that DWSRF funded projects are first required to be publicly reviewed and prioritized on DPH's Intended Use Plan (IUP). Given this public process and the expectations of others who might have been bypassed for funding, DPH should explain the decision to advance the proposed additional work ahead of other projects that were identified and prioritized in the current IUP.

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,

Scoping for East Side Pressure Zone Improvements



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