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May 13, 2013

Jason Coite
UConn Office of Environmental Policy
31 LeDoyt Road, U-3055
Storrs, CT 06269

Re: Notice of Scoping for the UConn Main Accumulation Area

Dear Mr. Coite:

The Department of Public Health Drinking Water Section's Source Water Protection Unit has reviewed the above Notice of Scoping. Please refer to the attached report for our comments.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please call Pat Bisacky of this office at (860) 509-7333.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric McPhee".

Eric McPhee
Supervising Environmental Analyst
Drinking Water Section

Cc: James Hooper, Windham Water Works
Lori Mathieu, Public Health Section Chief, DPH Drinking Water Section



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Eric McPhee, Supervising Environmental Analyst

FROM: Patricia Bisacky, Environmental Analyst 3/2/13

DATE: May 13, 2013

SUBJECT: Notice of Scoping for UConn Main Accumulation Area

DPH PROJECT #: 2013-0152

TOWN: Mansfield

The Source Water Protection Unit of the Department of Public Health (DPH) Drinking Water Section (DWS) has reviewed the Notice of Scoping for the UConn Main Accumulation Area. UConn proposes to construct a new centralized facility for the temporary storage of chemical, biological/medical, and low-level radioactive wastes from the University's academic research and teaching laboratories and facility operations on the Storrs campus. The University's existing facility, known as the Main Accumulation Area (MAA), is located within the Fenton River watershed and the drainage basin of the Willimantic Reservoir, a source of public drinking water for the customers of Windham Water Works (PWSID# CT1630011).

The DWS has the following comments regarding this Notice of Scoping:

- The DWS supports the relocation of the potential sources of contamination that are stored at UConn's active MAA from the public drinking water supply watershed to another facility outside of a public drinking water supply source water area.
- The Environmental Impact Evaluation for this proposal should include an evaluation of potential impacts to the public drinking water supply and proposed mitigation measures due to the decommissioning of the existing facility.



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