

# TOWN OF MANSFIELD



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Mr. Jason Coite  
UConn Office of Environmental Policy  
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**Subject: Relocation of Main Accumulation Area**

Dear Mr. Coite:

On behalf of the Mansfield Town Council and Conservation Commission, I would like to offer the Town's strong support for the University's efforts to relocate the Main Accumulation Area. As you know, the current facility is located in close proximity to the Level A Aquifer Protection Area for the University's Fenton River wellfields and is within the watershed for the Willimantic Reservoir, which is the source of the public drinking water supplied by Windham Water Works to Windham and southern Mansfield.

The location of the current facility within a public water supply watershed has been a significant cause of concern for town residents and agencies for many years. While we understand that the facility has been adequately maintained and has not had any releases since its inception, the potential hazard and impacts of a release on the public drinking water supply cannot be understated.

We anticipate that the current environmental impact evaluation (EIE) for this project will lead to the successful relocation of the facility outside of the public water supply watershed. To that end, we encourage the University to complete the EIE process and to dedicate the necessary financial resources to the relocation project to ensure its implementation.

If there is anything that the Town can do to assist with the EIE process, please contact Matthew Hart, Town Manager, at 860 429-3336.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Paterson  
Mayor

Cc: Town Council  
Conservation Commission  
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Richard Miller, Director of Environmental Policy