

Memo of Findings and Determination

To: Connecticut Council on Environmental Quality, Environmental Monitor
From: Nelson Tereso, Department of Economic and Community Development
Date: 11/19/2013
Re: Francis J. Clarke Industrial Park Expansion, Bethel, CT

Attached please find the Environmental Assessment Checklist for the above referenced project.

On August 6, 2013 the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) published a Scoping Notice on the CEQ Environmental Monitor to determine CEPA obligations for the proposed Francis J. Clarke Industrial Park Expansion project in Bethel, CT. Based on the comments received during the Scoping Period the Town of Bethel decided to reduce the size of the proposed industrial park expansion. Since the overall scope of the project had changed the DECD decided to publish a revised Scoping Notice to seek state agencies and public comments regarding the proposed project.

A revised Scoping Notice was published on the CEQ Environmental Monitor on October 8, 2013 and the public comment period ended on November 8, 2013. Comments received during the scoping process have been incorporated into the Environmental Assessment Checklist.

Scoping comments were received from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the Department of Public Health and the Office of Policy Management. The issues/concerns raised by State agencies are explained in the attached Environmental Assessment Checklist. The DECD does not recommend preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation to determine the extent of cumulative impacts associated with the proposed project.