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Susi von Oettingen
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
70 Commercial Street, Suite 300
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**RE: FEMA Project # EMW-2009-FC-03656 MMI# 2854-12-4
Construction of New Fire Station
141 Brewer Street (N41.743527 W72.624863)
East Hartford, Connecticut**

Dear Susi,

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is providing funding to the City of East Hartford, CT for the construction of a new fire station. Milone & MacBroom, Inc. has been retained by the Town of East Hartford Fire Department to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA). As part of the EA, FEMA is required to evaluate the effects of their actions on federally protected species of fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats, and to take steps to conserve and protect these species. We have reviewed data from the USFWS website, as well as from Connecticut's Department of Environmental Protection's (CT DEP) Endangered Species webpage for species and critical habitat. We also checked the CT DEP Natural Diversity Database for areas of concern around the project area. We enclose information for your review and request concurrence with our determination of "no species affected" for the proposed project.

The project site is a 2.3 acre undeveloped piece of land that is bounded to the north by Brewer Street, to the east by Graham Road, to the south by Leichtner Drive and residential properties, and to the west by Glenn Road and a Southern New England Telephone (SNET) service building (see attached maps). The site is classified as a meadow and has scattered trees along the eastern and southern portions of the site. The site has been mowed and the quality as wildlife habitat is limited.

The East Hartford Fire Department proposes to build a new 16,000 square foot fire station to replace an existing outdated and undersized fire station located at 304 Main Street. The fire station will qualify as a LEED certified fire station, consisting of space for two fire companies, fire personnel offices and living quarters, an apparatus repair facility, and fire station associated parking.

After review of the information available at the NFWS and CT DEP websites, we believe that there are no threatened or endangered species or species of special concern in the project area. If you concur, would you please indicate on the concurrence line below at your earliest convenience and return your finding to me.

If you have any questions regarding this proposed project please do not hesitate to contact the EA preparer at Milone & MacBroom: Matthew Sanford (203-271-1773; mattts@miloneandmacbroom.com).

Thank you very much for your time and attention.

Sincerely,



Jack Sullivan
FEMA Region I
Environmental Officer

Enclosures:

Phase 1 Location Map – USGS Topo

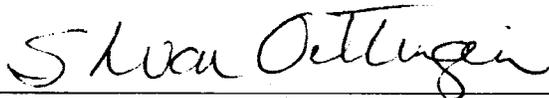
Phase 1 Location Map – Aerial Photo

USGS topo map with CT DEP Natural Diversity Database Areas of Concern Highlighted.

USFWS Concurrence:

I concur with the finding of no species affected for the proposed Fire Station at 125 Brewer Street in East Harford CT:

Signed: _____



Date: _____

2/8/2010

Susi von Oettingen
New England Field Office, USFWS