



March 22, 2016

Town of Old Lyme
Bonnie Reemsnyder, First Selectwoman
52 Lyme Street
Old Lyme, CT 06071

Ref: Order No. AO-WR-MU-15-002. Town of Old
Lyme. December 2014 Coastal Wastewater
Management Plan.

Dear Mrs. Reemsnyder,

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (“DEEP”) is in receipt of an email dated March 14, 2016 in which DEEP is provided with a status update related to Old Lyme (“the town”) compliance efforts in response to the referenced Order. Based on meetings and email communications with the town, it is DEEP’s understanding that the town is considering additional water quality testing within the Hawks Nest community to better define and optimize wastewater management options.

DEEP supports the town’s desire to perform the above-mentioned testing to further delineate wastewater management needs within this community. DEEP stands ready to work collaboratively with the town in developing the water quality testing plan. In regards to Sound View, the Town must move forward as expeditiously as possible with the implementation of the recommended solution as per the referenced plan within this community.

Please keep in mind that in determining wastewater management needs, DEEP considers a broad range of criteria associated with existing onsite wastewater treatment systems. Based on the preliminary information presented in the referenced management plan, there is substantial evidence that a need for improved wastewater management exists in some or all of the Hawks Nest community.

As of the date of this letter, the town continues to be in compliance with the referenced Order. DEEP appreciates the town’s efforts in maintaining compliance with the Order requirements, and looks forward to receiving a definitive proposal and timeline in which the town lays out more specifics related to amending the referenced management plan, and completing the Environmental Impact Evaluation in the most expeditious manner. This proposal, including a detailed timeline, shall be received for DEEP’s review and approval no later than April 29, 2016. The timeline must be designed in order for the town to be either in construction or having completed construction of the recommended alternative by the October 31, 2018

deadline included in the referenced Order. DEEP anticipates updating the interim compliance deadlines included in sections B.1.b and B.1.c. of the referenced Order upon review and approval of an updated project timeline.

Please contact Carlos Esguerra of my staff at carlos.esguerra@ct.gov or 860-424-3756, should you have any questions related to this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Denise Ruzicka".

Denise Ruzicka, P.E.

Director

Planning & Standards Division

cc (via email)

Andrew Lord, Esq.

Richard Prendergast, Old Lyme, WPCA.