



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

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Re: Johnson Memorial Hospital

Dear Ms. Mendoza:

Thank you for your letter dated September 27, 2006, regarding Johnson Memorial Hospital's plans for a sanitary sewer connection to the wastewater treatment facility operated by the Stafford Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA).

As your letter indicates, the proposed connection is being sought in order to alleviate the burden on the hospital of managing its on-site waste treatment facility which you indicate has surpassed its maximum capacity. You are now requesting the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to assist in facilitating a resolution to this matter between the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Stafford WPCA.

→ OPM concurs that the proposed sewer extension, which would include limited connections to only the current hospital facility and the West Stafford Elementary School, is a reasonable "government solution to a critical health and safety issue." The proposed extension should be designed and built to accommodate the foreseeable needs of these users.

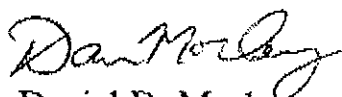
Other than the limited connections noted above, the Conservation and Development Policies Plan for Connecticut generally prohibits the introduction of public sanitary sewers for growth-related purposes west of the existing sewer service area in Stafford. OPM recognizes that commercial development exists along the Route 190 corridor and encourages municipal land use controls to limit the intensity of future development, so as to reduce the likelihood of septic system failures.

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This letter is being copied to appropriate DEP staff noted below, in order to provide context and direction for DEP and the Stafford WPCA to resolve any remaining issues associated with planned upgrades to the wastewater treatment facility. OPM recommends that the hospital also use this opportunity to address issues related to its potable water supply, including potential future public water supply considerations.

Feel free to call me at (860) 418-6343, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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