



United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
New England Field Office
70 Commercial Street, Suite 300
Concord, New Hampshire 03301-5087

December 27, 2006

Reference:	<u>Project</u>	<u>Location</u>
	Tower	Wallingford, CT
	Tower	Groton, CT

Nicole Dentamaro
Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.
54 Tuttle Place
Middletown, CT 06457-1847

Dear Ms. Dentamaro:

This responds to your recent correspondence requesting information on the presence of federally-listed and/or proposed endangered or threatened species in relation to the proposed activity(ies) referenced above.

Based on information currently available to us, no federally-listed or proposed, threatened or endangered species or critical habitat under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are known to occur in the project area(s). Preparation of a Biological Assessment or further consultation with us under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act is not required.

This concludes our review of listed species and critical habitat in the project location(s) and environs referenced above. No further Endangered Species Act coordination of this type is necessary for a period of one year from the date of this letter, unless additional information on listed or proposed species becomes available.

Thank you for your coordination. Please contact us at 603-223-2541 if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Anthony P. Tur
Endangered Species Specialist
New England Field Office





STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



December 21, 2006

Ms. Nicole Dentamaro
VHB Services
54 Tuttle Place
Middletown, CT 06457

Re: Proposed Optasite Facility-New
London, 1294 Pleasant Valley Rd,
Groton

Dear Ms. Dentamaro:

I have reviewed Natural Diversity Data Base maps and files regarding the area delineated on the map you provided for the proposed Optasite Facility in Groton, Connecticut. According to our information there are no known extant populations of Federal or State Endangered, Threatened or Special Concern Species that occur at the site in question.

Natural Diversity Data Base information includes all information regarding critical biological resources available to us at the time of the request. This information is a compilation of data collected over the years by the Natural Resources Center's Geological and Natural History Survey and cooperating units of DEP, private conservation groups and the scientific community. This information is not necessarily the result of comprehensive or site-specific field investigations. Consultations with the Data Base should not be substitutes for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments. Current research projects and new contributors continue to identify additional populations of species and locations of habitats of concern, as well as, enhance existing data. Such new information is incorporated into the Data Base as it becomes available.

Please contact me if you have further questions at 424-3592. Thank you for consulting the Natural Diversity Data Base. Also be advised that this is a preliminary review and not a final determination. A more detailed review may be conducted as part of any subsequent environmental permit applications submitted to DEP for the proposed site.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dawn M. McKay".

Dawn M. McKay
Biologist/Environmental Analyst

DMM/blm



Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism

December 14, 2006

Historic Preservation
& Museum Division

Ms. Nicole Dentamaro
Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Inc.
54 Tuttle Place
Middletown, CT 06457-1847

59 South Prospect Street
Hartford, Connecticut
06106

(v) 860.566.3005
(f) 860.566.5078

Subject: Telecommunications Facilities
1294 Pleasant Valley Road North
Groton, CT
Optasite #999-0108-New London

Dear Ms. Dentamaro:

The State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed the above-named project. This office expects that the proposed undertaking will have no effect on historic, architectural, or archaeological resources listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

This office appreciates the opportunity to have reviewed and commented upon the proposed undertaking.

This comment is provided in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act and the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act.

For further information please contact Dr. David A. Poirier, Staff Archaeologist.

Sincerely,

J. Paul Loether
Division Director and Deputy
State Historic Preservation Officer

