



# Town of Redding

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Natalie Ketcham  
First Selectman  
December 20, 2006

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

Re: Proposed Wireless Telecomm. Facility Replacement, Redding Ridge Fire Dept.

Dear Ms. Dentamaro:

We understand from your December 11<sup>th</sup> letter that a Phase Ia Cultural Resources Assessment Survey and Visual Resources Evaluation have been completed.

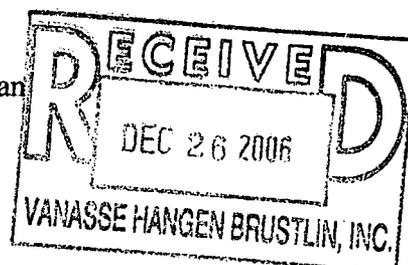
We would at this time, however, request that a Visual Resources Evaluation be completed during "leaf-off" conditions in order to properly evaluate the effect of the proposed facility on historic resources.

Should you have any questions please reach me at (203) 938-2002. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Natalie Ketcham  
First Selectman

cc: Redding Fire and EMS Company 1 Commissioners  
Redding Planning Commission  
Kathleen von Jena, Archaeologist/Municipal Historian



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**VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL**

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**RE: Sprint's Proposed Telecommunications Facility / Redding Ridge Fire Dept.**

Dear First Selectman Ketcham and Ms. von Jena:

This letter is in response to First Selectman Ketcham's December 20, 2006 correspondence to Nicole Dentamaro at Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) requesting that VHB conduct additional "leaf-off" visual evaluations of Sprint Nextel Corporation's (Sprint) proposed telecommunications site at 186 Black Rock Turnpike (the "Site"). I apologize for the delay in getting back to you. I appreciate your time and effort spent reviewing the materials VHB and I have provided to you. Although the Siting Council has jurisdiction over this matter, it has been Sprint's long standing policy to be responsive to any comments the municipality may have and to accommodate the wishes of the municipality whenever possible.

In this case, I would suggest that a second visual evaluation is not necessary for the following reasons. As part of Sprint's pre-application process, the Town of Redding ("Town") received a 60-day notice (dated December 13, 2006), which contained a Visual Resource Evaluation Report (the "Report") prepared by VHB. VHB confirmed that the Report was prepared in late October 2006 and, due to a few severe storms at the end of September and the beginning of October, many leaves had already fallen when VHB's research was performed. In addition, the Report and its Viewshed Map already address "leaf-off" conditions and in doing so anticipate an additional 51 acres of seasonal visibility (only 6 acres will have visibility year round). Also, on December 11, 2006, VHB sent you a copy of its submission to David Poirier, Staff Archaeologist at the State Historic Preservation Office,



which contained twelve additional photographic simulations from properties identified on the Town's historic resources inventory that are located within a ½ mile of the Site.

VHB is an excellent company that is trusted by Sprint and the Siting Council to accurately represent the potential visibility of a site during all seasons. Over many years and at numerous locations, VHB has reviewed its findings, on its own time and at its own expense, to verify that the visibility it predicted accurately reflects the visibility after the facility is constructed. In doing so, VHB has developed a highly refined system and extremely accurate prediction model that can be relied on by Sprint, the Siting Council and the residents in the area to accurately predict the visibility of a proposed tower.

Therefore, I would suggest that asking VHB to conduct a second visual evaluation will not yield a different result and therefore, is not necessary at this time. However, I am certainly open to further discussion on the matter. Please feel free to contact me (860.509.6522) or the Director of Environmental Services at VHB, Michael Libertine (860.632.1500), at your convenience if you would like to discuss any comments or concerns you might have about the Report. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

**BROWN RUDNICK BERLACK ISRAELS LLP**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Regan', written in a cursive style.

Thomas J. Regan

cc via email: Michael Libertine, VHB  
Nicole Dentamaro, VHB

**Dentamaro, Nicole**

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**From:** Natalie Ketcham [FIRSTSELECTMAN@TOWNOFREDDINGCT.ORG]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 28, 2007 1:49 PM

**To:** Dentamaro, Nicole

In response to your inquiry, since the SHPO has already opined on the cell tower matter, the Town of Redding has no further comments. Thank you,

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