

SECTION 1.10 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

In Article 1.10.03--Water Pollution Control: BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Add the following after Best Management Practice Number 14:

15. State listed species of Special Concern Northern leopard frog (*Rana pipiens*), is present within the Project limits. Northern leopard frogs are restricted to seasonal wet meadows and forests located on the floodplain of large rivers or large streams. They often breed in depressions inundated by flood waters. All construction activities located within the impacted regulated areas shall be conducted from the locations depicted on the authorized environmental permits from existing roads. All proposed construction staging/laydown areas and any proposed construction activities outside of the authorized permitted footprint shall be approved by the Office of Environmental Planning (OEP) through the District. Sedimentation control systems shall be installed within the areas depicted on the authorized environmental permits in order to keep reptiles and amphibians from entering the work areas.

The Contractor shall through the Engineer at least 10 days prior to the commencement of any construction activities, arrange for a CT DOT Environmental Inspector from the OEP or their authorized delegate to be available to meet and discuss proper protocol for maintaining environmental commitments made to the protection of this species and habitat. OEP will provide oversight through the District to ensure that protocols are followed and maintained during the course of the Project.

This species is protected by state laws which prohibit killing, harming, taking, or keeping them in your possession. Workers shall be notified of the existence of the Northern leopard frog in this area and be apprised of the laws protecting them. Photographs and the laws protecting Northern leopard frog (species ID sheets will be provided by OEP) shall be posted in the Contractor's and DOT field office. Any observations of this species are to be immediately reported to OEP at (860) 594-2937 or (860) 594-2938.