

SECTION 1.10 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

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

Add the following after Required Best Management Practices Number 13:

14. The Contractor is hereby notified that the State listed endangered species Eastern timber rattlesnake (*Crotalus horridus*), is present within the Project limits. In Connecticut, Eastern timber rattlesnakes are active between April 1 and October 31. These rattlesnakes are more likely to be out basking during the day in spring and fall. Snakes cannot regulate their body temperature internally and must warm themselves in the sun. Over the warmer months they are more nocturnal. This Project Site is located within their summer foraging range. Eastern timber rattlesnake encounters are possible and the Contractor shall take all precautions to avoid harming the snakes and their habitat.

If work must be done during the Eastern timber rattlesnakes active period (April 1 to October 31) the Department will require precautionary measures to protect the Eastern timber rattlesnakes and Eastern timber rattlesnake habitat. All construction activities taking place within the Eastern timber rattlesnakes active period will need to be coordinated with the Department.

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 Office of Environmental Planning (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 the following protocols are followed and maintained during the course of the Project:

- a. All construction personnel working within the Eastern timber rattle snake habitat must be apprised of the species description and the possible presence of a listed species.
- b. In areas where silt fence is used for exclusion, it shall be removed as soon as the area is stable to allow for reptile and amphibian passage to resume.
- c. No heavy machinery or vehicles may be parked in any Eastern timber rattlesnake habitat.
- d. The Contractor must search the work area each morning prior to any work being done.

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 Eastern timber rattlesnakes in this area and be apprised of the laws protecting them.

Photographs of Eastern timber rattlesnakes (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.