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Subject: Comments – Proposed Alteration of the Public Water Supply Management Areas

Dear Mr. Milardo:

As executive director for the Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition (PRWC) I am submitting the following comments relevant to the subject matter (also known as the proposed WUCC modifications). PRWC is an environmental water resources coalition whose members include local government, businesses and residents within the greater Pomperaug River region. Our 91 square mile watershed includes seven sub-basins and eight communities in Litchfield and New Haven Counties. Research and science is the core of PRWC's mission. Environmental education is our hallmark.

In reviewing the proposed WUCC changes, I am supporting the comments of others including OPM and the Naugatuck Valley COG (NVCOG) requesting that DPH give its consideration of moving the NVCOG into the "Western WUCC". Surface and subsurface water flow within our watershed is generally in a southwestern direction and is part of the Housatonic major basin. Bringing NVCOG into the Western WUCC directly addresses our watershed needs, pairs us with neighboring communities with similar water resource interests and allows PRWC and NVCOG to continue a long history of successful partnerships.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the aforementioned comments. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Len DeJong", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Len DeJong
Executive Director