

State of Connecticut

Department of Public Health (DPH)

Notice of Availability of Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE)

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act, that an EIE has been prepared for the proposed construction and relocation of the State Public Health Laboratory (SPHL) to Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

DPH, in association with the Department of Public Works (DPW), proposes to construct and relocate the SPHL from 10 Clinton Street in Hartford to West Street, adjacent to the Veterans' Home in Rocky Hill. The preferred site for the proposed project would be located on property of about 23 acres currently under the care and custody of the Connecticut Departments of Environmental Protection and Veterans' Affairs. The new SPHL would include approximately 120,000 square feet of building, associated site improvements, and approximately 240 parking spaces.

The proposed facility would provide state-of-the-art laboratories to support DPH's public health programs and the programs of other state agencies and local health departments. It would facilitate DPH's collaborations with federal agencies on national surveillance programs and would enable the SPHL to more effectively handle testing in support of public health emergencies. The facility would include adequate space to expand services in the future. The proposed project would also provide sufficient parking to offer space for each current staff member, new staff that may be hired for future expanded operations, and visitors, including couriers and those attending meetings and training.

Beginning on June 6, 2006, a copy of the EIE will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations: Rocky Hill Town Clerk, 761 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill; Cora J. Belden Library, 33 Church Street, Rocky Hill; DPW, 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 275, Hartford; and is available online at DPW's web site: <http://www.ct.gov/dpw/> follow the link under Public Notice.

A public hearing is scheduled to solicit public comments on the EIE. The hearing is scheduled for July 12, 2006 at 7:00 pm at Rocky Hill Town Hall, Council Chambers, 761 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill. Doors open at 6:30 pm. The hearing will conclude at the end of public comments.

Written comments on this document and any other pertinent information must be sent or postmarked by **July 21, 2006**. Comments must be sent to:

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