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RE: Maine Turnpike Authority's Application for a Natural Resources Protection Act Permit
(DEP #L-26119-NJ-C-N)
Presiding Officer's Site Visit Scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 2017

To the Parties:

As set forth in paragraph 27 of the Second Procedural Order dated March 14, 2017, the Presiding Officer will visit the project site in the above matter on Wednesday, April 5, 2017. Parties will meet at the site at 10:00 A.M. Attendance will be limited to the attorney and two other representatives for each party. Parties (applicant and the intervenor) are reminded that the site visit is not an opportunity for parties to communicate with the Presiding Officer; rather it is an opportunity for the Presiding Officer to view the site and the location of the features of the proposed project which will be the subject of testimony at the public hearing.

To the extent possible, the Department requests that the applicant flag or stake the location of the proposed new toll plaza at mile 8.8, access road, administration building, and parking lot. Department staff will explain to the Presiding Officer the location of these components of the proposed project. The plan is for the parties to meet at the existing toll plaza park and ride lot. The walking route is limited to the MTA parcel to observe the proposed locations of the features described above, as well as the location of the proposed project in relation to abutting properties. Other goals of the site visit are to view the portion of the stream to be altered and the significant vernal pool buffer area to be altered.

A memorandum outlining what was viewed during the site visit will be sent to the parties and interested persons. The memorandum will be part of the administrative record. If weather conditions dictate, the date of the site visit will be postponed to April 6.

Sincerely,

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