Sept. 19 CONN-OSHA Roundtable Reviews MDC’s Storage Tunnel Plans To Improve Water Quality

WETHERSFIELD, August 21, 2017 – The purpose and progress of the South Hartford Conveyance and Storage Tunnel, a four-mile long deep rock tunnel being constructed to help collect excess wastewater and storm water during rain events, will be the topic of the September 19 Breakfast Roundtable Discussion Group meeting. Sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Labor’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health, the meeting will be held 8:15 to 9:45 a.m. in the agency’s Central Office, 200 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield.

Brian J. McCarthy of C.D. Smith in East Hartford, program manager for the Metropolitan District Corporation’s (MDC) Clean Water Project, will detail the South Hartford Conveyance and Storage Tunnel (SHCST) project and its route from MDC’s Water Pollution Control Facility on Brainard Road in Hartford, through the southern part of the city to Talcott Road, West Hartford.

“This storage tunnel will temporarily store excess wastewater and storm water during rain events and then convey the flows to the MDC’s facility for treatment,” explains CONN-OSHA Safety Training Specialist and Breakfast Roundtable project coordinator, John Able. “The goal is to minimize sewer overflows into local waterways, the Connecticut River and Long Island Sound during major storm events.” The SHCST project calls for construction of a main line tunnel, a tunnel pump station, and air treatment buildings. Able noted that construction is taking place between 2016 and 2022, with the project being one of the largest infrastructure components of the MDC’s Clean Water Project to improve water quality in the area.

Admission to the breakfast is free, but pre-registration is required. Please contact Able at john.able@ct.gov to register or for additional information.

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