



**Environmental
Notification Form**

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Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
EOEA No.: *14289*
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The information requested on this form must be completed to begin MEPA Review in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act, 301 CMR 11.00.

Project Name: <i>Astro 25 800 MHz Digital Trunked Radio System</i>			
Site Name: <i>ATC-Peru</i>		Site ID No.: <i>96</i>	
Street: <i>10 Hickingbotham Road</i>			
Municipality: <i>Town of Peru</i>		Watershed: <i>Hinsdale Flats Watershed</i>	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:		Latitude: <i>42° 26' 12.3" N (NAD 83)</i>	
		Longitude: <i>73° 03' 11.4" W (NAD 83)</i>	
Estimated commencement date: <i>Third Quarter 2008</i>		Estimated completion date: <i>Second Quarter 2009</i>	
Approximate cost: <i>\$ 400,000</i>		Status of project design: <i>100.00 %complete</i>	
Proponent: <i>Massachusetts State Police – Troop B</i>			
Street: <i>340 West Brookfield Road</i>			
Municipality: <i>New Braintree</i>		State: <i>MA</i>	Zip Code: <i>01531</i>
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: <i>Robert MacMurray, Environmental Scientist</i>			
Firm/Agency: <i>C&S Engineers, Inc.</i>		Street: <i>20445 Emerald Parkway, Suite 100</i>	
Municipality: <i>Cleveland</i>		State: <i>OH</i>	Zip Code: <i>44135</i>
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Does this project meet or exceed a mandatory EIR threshold (see 301 CMR 11.03)?
 Yes No

Has this project been filed with MEPA before?
 Yes (EOEA No. _____) No

Has any project on this site been filed with MEPA before?
 Yes (EOEA No. _____) No

Is this an Expanded ENF (see 301 CMR 11.05(7)) requesting:
a Single EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.06(8)) Yes No
a Special Review Procedure? (see 301CMR 11.09) Yes No
a Waiver of mandatory EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.11) Yes No
a Phase I Waiver? (see 301 CMR 11.11) Yes No

Identify any financial assistance or land transfer from an agency of the Commonwealth, including the agency name and the amount of funding or land area (in acres):
Development of the action proposed here in will not require any form of land transfer from an agency of the Commonwealth; however, the action is being performed for and funded by the Massachusetts State Police (MSP) – Troop B. Therefore, the MSP is expected to contribute all \$ 400,000 of the proposed action's construction cost.

Are you requesting coordinated review with any other federal, state, regional, or local agency?
 Yes (Specify _____) No

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals:

The proposed action will require the generation of a building permit application, which shall be submitted to the Town of Peru for approval. No other local permits or approvals shall be required.

While no Federal permits are required, construction of the proposed action will require the award of frequency licensing through the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to allow for operation of the proposed communications antennas.

Which ENF or EIR review threshold(s) does the project meet or exceed (see 301 CMR 11.03):

- Land Rare Species Wetlands, Waterways, & Tidelands
 Water Wastewater Transportation
 Energy Air Solid & Hazardous Waste
 ACEC Regulations Historical & Archaeological Resources

Summary of Project Size & Environmental Impacts	Existing	Change	Total	State Permits & Approvals
LAND				<input type="checkbox"/> Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Superseding Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 91 License <input type="checkbox"/> 401 Water Quality Certification <input type="checkbox"/> MHD or MDC Access Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Water Management Act Permit <input type="checkbox"/> New Source Approval <input type="checkbox"/> DEP or MWRA Sewer Connection/Extension Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Other Permits (including Legislative Approvals) – Specify:
Total site acreage	0.216			
New acres of land altered		0.006		
Acres of impervious area	0.004	0.002	0.006	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		0.000		
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		0.000		
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		0.000		
STRUCTURES				
Gross square footage	0.004	0.002	0.006	
Number of housing units	0	0	0	
Maximum height (in feet)	350	10	350	
TRANSPORTATION				
Vehicle trips per day	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Parking spaces	4	4	4	
WATER/WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	0.0	0.0	0.0	
GPD water withdrawal	0.0	0.0	0.0	
GPD wastewater generation/treatment	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	0.0	0.0	0.0	

CONSERVATION LAND: Will the project involve the conversion of public parkland or other Article 97 public natural resources to any purpose not in accordance with Article 97?

Yes (Specify _____) No

Will it involve the release of any conservation restriction, preservation restriction, agricultural preservation restriction, or watershed preservation restriction?

Yes (Specify _____) No

RARE SPECIES: Does the project site include Estimated Habitat of Rare Species, Vernal Pools, Priority Sites of Rare Species, or Exemplary Natural Communities?

Yes (Specify _____) No

HISTORICAL /ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES: Does the project site include any structure, site or district listed in the State Register of Historic Place or the inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth?

Yes (Specify _____) No

If yes, does the project involve any demolition or destruction of any listed or inventoried historic or archaeological resources?

Yes (Specify _____) No

AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN: Is the project in or adjacent to an Area of Critical Environmental Concern?

Yes (Specify: Hinsdale Flats Watershed ACEC) No

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project description should include (a) a description of the project site, (b) a description of both on-site and off-site alternatives and the impacts associated with each alternative, and (c) potential on-site and off-site mitigation measures for each alternative (You may attach one additional page, if necessary.)

The proposed site is located near the intersection of Hickingbotham and Sourth Roads at a location identified as 10 Hickingbotham Road within the Town of Peru, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. Attached to this ENF you will find a portion of the USGS Pittsfield East quadrangle map, which identifies the approximate location of the proposed project site as 42° 26' 12.3" North & 73° 3' 11.4" West.

In general, the proposed project site presently consists of an existing wireless communications facility that is owned and operated by American Tower Corporation. Meanwhile, the communications facility generally includes a large one-story structure and a chain-link fenced tower compound, within which lies an existing 350' lattice-style tower and two utility pedestals.

As proposed, this action includes the collocation of multiple wireless antennas upon the existing 350' lattice tower and the installation of some ancillary ground-based equipment which is to be placed upon concrete pads. Two concrete pads are proposed for construction as part of this action, one which will measure 18'x4' and support a number of propane storage tanks, and one which will measure 8'x4' and support an emergency generator. Both of these proposed concrete pads will be constructed within the existing chain-link fenced tower compound; however, a slight compound expansion is proposed. In total, the proposed compound expansion would measure 40'x6' for a total area of 240-ft².

As illustrated in representative site photography, as attached to this ENF, the existing chain-link fenced tower compound generally consists of graveled surfaces with some intermittent grass-like vegetation. Meanwhile, the area into which the compound expansion would occur is similarly dominated by graveled surfaces with intermittent grasses.