QUESTIONS FOR NOMINEE TO THAMES RIVER VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION

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THAMES RIVER VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION (CGS §§ 25-101 & 25-102)

- The commission is established under the Thames River Valley Flood Control Compact formed by Connecticut and Massachusetts.

- It promotes interstate comity, assures adequate storage capacity for impounding river waters to protect against flooding, and creates a joint agency to cooperatively control flooding.

- Each state appoints three members.

NOMINEE QUESTIONS

1. Are there flood control issues unique to the Thames River Valley? What are the obstacles to appropriate flood control in this area?

2. To the best of your knowledge, what is the general safety status of flood control dams in Connecticut?

3. What are some ways that Connecticut can mitigate the effects of severe weather events on flood control? Do these actions need to be coordinated with the federal government or our neighboring states?

4. What impacts, if any, have the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s updated flood maps had on flood control efforts along the Thames River?

5. Effective flood control often involves establishing storage capacity in the upper regions of a river. Given Connecticut’s relative position at the end of the river, what can we do to protect capacity up river?
6. How will your experience as an engineer with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection’s Inland Water Resources Division and as an alternate commissioner for a local inland wetlands agency benefit the commission?

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