Stormwater Report

Newbury, Massachusetts

ACE Solar Newbury Landfill Solar Project

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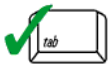

A Stormwater Report must be submitted with the Notice of Intent permit application to document compliance with the Stormwater Management Standards. The following checklist is NOT a substitute for the Stormwater Report (which should provide more substantive and detailed information) but is offered here as a tool to help the applicant organize their Stormwater Management documentation for their Report and for the reviewer to assess this information in a consistent format. As noted in the Checklist, the Stormwater Report must contain the engineering computations and supporting information set forth in Volume 3 of the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook. The Stormwater Report must be prepared and certified by a Registered Professional Engineer (RPE) licensed in the Commonwealth.

The Stormwater Report must include:

- The Stormwater Checklist completed and stamped by a Registered Professional Engineer (see page 2) that certifies that the Stormwater Report contains all required submittals.[1] This Checklist is to be used as the cover for the completed Stormwater Report.
- Applicant/Project Name
- Project Address
- Name of Firm and Registered Professional Engineer that prepared the Report
- Long-Term Pollution Prevention Plan required by Standards 4-6
- Construction Period Pollution Prevention and Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan required by Standard 8[2]
- Operation and Maintenance Plan required by Standard 9

In addition to all plans and supporting information, the Stormwater Report must include a brief narrative describing stormwater management practices, including environmentally sensitive site design and LID techniques, along with a diagram depicting runoff through the proposed BMP treatment train. Plans are required to show existing and proposed conditions, identify all wetland resource areas, NRCS soil types, critical areas, Land Uses with Higher Potential Pollutant Loads (LUHPPL), and any areas on the site where infiltration rate is greater than 2.4 inches per hour. The Plans shall identify the drainage areas for both existing and proposed conditions at a scale that enables verification of supporting calculations.

As noted in the Checklist, the Stormwater Management Report shall document compliance with each of the Stormwater Management Standards as provided in the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook. The soils evaluation and calculations shall be done using the methodologies set forth in Volume 3 of the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook.

To ensure that the Stormwater Report is complete, applicants are required to fill in the Stormwater Report Checklist by checking the box to indicate that the specified information has been included in the Stormwater Report. If any of the information specified in the checklist has not been submitted, the applicant must provide an explanation. The completed Stormwater Report Checklist and Certification must be submitted with the Stormwater Report.

[1] The Stormwater Report may also include the Illicit Discharge Compliance Statement required by Standard 10. If not included in the Stormwater Report, the Illicit Discharge Compliance Statement must be submitted prior to the discharge of stormwater runoff to the post-construction best management practices.

[2] For some complex projects, it may not be possible to include the Construction Period Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan in the Stormwater Report. In that event, the issuing authority has the discretion to issue an Order of Conditions that approves the project and includes a condition requiring the proponent to submit the Construction Period Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan before commencing any land disturbance activity on the site.

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B. Stormwater Checklist and Certification

The following checklist is intended to serve as a guide for applicants as to the elements that ordinarily need to be addressed in a complete Stormwater Report. The checklist is also intended to provide conservation commissions and other reviewing authorities with a summary of the components necessary for a comprehensive Stormwater Report that addresses the ten Stormwater Standards.

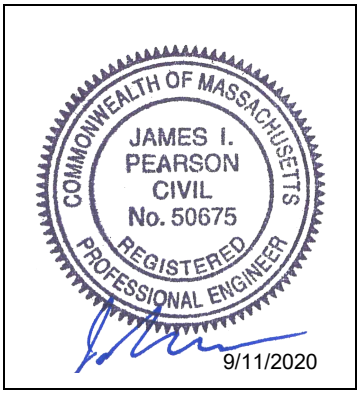
Note: Because stormwater requirements vary from project to project, it is possible that a complete Stormwater Report may not include information on some of the subjects specified in the Checklist. If it is determined that a specific item does not apply to the project under review, please note that the item is not applicable (N.A.) and provide the reasons for that determination.

A complete checklist must include the Certification set forth below signed by the Registered Professional Engineer who prepared the Stormwater Report.

Registered Professional Engineer's Certification

I have reviewed the Stormwater Report, including the soil evaluation, computations, Long-term Pollution Prevention Plan, the Construction Period Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan (if included), the Long-term Post-Construction Operation and Maintenance Plan, the Illicit Discharge Compliance Statement (if included) and the plans showing the stormwater management system, and have determined that they have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Stormwater Management Standards as further elaborated by the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook. I have also determined that the information presented in the Stormwater Checklist is accurate and that the information presented in the Stormwater Report accurately reflects conditions at the site as of the date of this permit application.

Registered Professional Engineer Block and Signature



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Signature and Date

Checklist

Project Type: Is the application for new development, redevelopment, or a mix of new and redevelopment?

☐ New development

☒ Redevelopment

☐ Mix of New Development and Redevelopment

Checklist for Stormwater Report

Checklist (continued)

LID Measures: Stormwater Standards require LID measures to be considered. Document what environmentally sensitive design and LID Techniques were considered during the planning and design of the project:

☒ No disturbance to any Wetland Resource Areas

☐ Site Design Practices (e.g. clustered development, reduced frontage setbacks)

☐ Reduced Impervious Area (Redevelopment Only)

☒ Minimizing disturbance to existing trees and shrubs

☐ LID Site Design Credit Requested:

- ☐ Credit 1
- ☐ Credit 2
- ☐ Credit 3

☒ Use of "country drainage" versus curb and gutter conveyance and pipe

☐ Bioretention Cells (includes Rain Gardens)

☐ Constructed Stormwater Wetlands (includes Gravel Wetlands designs)

☐ Treebox Filter

☐ Water Quality Swale

☐ Grass Channel

☐ Green Roof

☐ Other (describe): _____

Standard 1: No New Untreated Discharges

☒ No new untreated discharges

☐ Outlets have been designed so there is no erosion or scour to wetlands and waters of the Commonwealth

☐ Supporting calculations specified in Volume 3 of the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook included.

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Checklist (continued)

Standard 2: Peak Rate Attenuation

☐ Standard 2 waiver requested because the project is located in land subject to coastal storm flowage and stormwater discharge is to a wetland subject to coastal flooding.

☐ Evaluation provided to determine whether off-site flooding increases during the 100-year 24-hour storm.

☐ Calculations provided to show that post-development peak discharge rates do not exceed pre-development rates for the 2-year and 10-year 24-hour storms. If evaluation shows that off-site flooding increases during the 100-year 24-hour storm, calculations are also provided to show that post-development peak discharge rates do not exceed pre-development rates for the 100-year 24-hour storm.

Standard 3: Recharge

☐ Soil Analysis provided.

☐ Required Recharge Volume calculation provided.

☐ Required Recharge volume reduced through use of the LID site Design Credits.

☐ Sizing the infiltration, BMPs is based on the following method: Check the method used.

☐ Static ☐ Simple Dynamic ☐ Dynamic Field[1]

☐ Runoff from all impervious areas at the site discharging to the infiltration BMP.

☐ Runoff from all impervious areas at the site is *not* discharging to the infiltration BMP and calculations are provided showing that the drainage area contributing runoff to the infiltration BMPs is sufficient to generate the required recharge volume.

☐ Recharge BMPs have been sized to infiltrate the Required Recharge Volume.

☐ Recharge BMPs have been sized to infiltrate the Required Recharge Volume *only* to the maximum extent practicable for the following reason:

- ☐ Site is comprised solely of C and D soils and/or bedrock at the land surface
- ☐ M.G.L. c. 21E sites pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0000
- ☐ Solid Waste Landfill pursuant to 310 CMR 19.000
- ☐ Project is otherwise subject to Stormwater Management Standards only to the maximum extent practicable.

☐ Calculations showing that the infiltration BMPs will drain in 72 hours are provided.

☐ Property includes a M.G.L. c. 21E site or a solid waste landfill and a mounding analysis is included.

[1] 80% TSS removal is required prior to discharge to infiltration BMP if Dynamic Field method is used.

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Checklist (continued)

Standard 3: Recharge (continued)

☐ The infiltration BMP is used to attenuate peak flows during storms greater than or equal to the 10-year 24-hour storm and separation to seasonal high groundwater is less than 4 feet and a mounding analysis is provided.

☐ Documentation is provided showing that infiltration BMPs do not adversely impact nearby wetland resource areas.

Standard 4: Water Quality

The Long-Term Pollution Prevention Plan typically includes the following:

- Good housekeeping practices;
- Provisions for storing materials and waste products inside or under cover;
- Vehicle washing controls;
- Requirements for routine inspections and maintenance of stormwater BMPs;
- Spill prevention and response plans;
- Provisions for maintenance of lawns, gardens, and other landscaped areas;
- Requirements for storage and use of fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides;
- Pet waste management provisions;
- Provisions for operation and management of septic systems;
- Provisions for solid waste management;
- Snow disposal and plowing plans relative to Wetland Resource Areas;
- Winter Road Salt and/or Sand Use and Storage restrictions;
- Street sweeping schedules;
- Provisions for prevention of illicit discharges to the stormwater management system;
- Documentation that Stormwater BMPs are designed to provide for shutdown and containment in the event of a spill or discharges to or near critical areas or from LUHPPL;
- Training for staff or personnel involved with implementing Long-Term Pollution Prevention Plan;
- List of Emergency contacts for implementing Long-Term Pollution Prevention Plan.

☐ A Long-Term Pollution Prevention Plan is attached to Stormwater Report and is included as an attachment to the Wetlands Notice of Intent.

☐ Treatment BMPs subject to the 44% TSS removal pretreatment requirement and the one inch rule for calculating the water quality volume are included, and discharge:

- ☐ is within the Zone II or Interim Wellhead Protection Area
- ☐ is near or to other critical areas
- ☐ is within soils with a rapid infiltration rate (greater than 2.4 inches per hour)
- ☐ involves runoff from land uses with higher potential pollutant loads.

☐ The Required Water Quality Volume is reduced through use of the LID site Design Credits.

☐ Calculations documenting that the treatment train meets the 80% TSS removal requirement and, if applicable, the 44% TSS removal pretreatment requirement, are provided.

Checklist for Stormwater Report

Checklist (continued)

Standard 4: Water Quality (continued)

☐ The BMP is sized (and calculations provided) based on:

- ☐ The ½" or 1" Water Quality Volume or
- ☐ The equivalent flow rate associated with the Water Quality Volume and documentation is provided showing that the BMP treats the required water quality volume.

☐ The applicant proposes to use proprietary BMPs, and documentation supporting use of proprietary BMP and proposed TSS removal rate is provided. This documentation may be in the form of the propriety BMP checklist found in Volume 2, Chapter 4 of the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook and submitting copies of the TARP Report, STEP Report, and/or other third party studies verifying performance of the proprietary BMPs.

☐ A TMDL exists that indicates a need to reduce pollutants other than TSS and documentation showing that the BMPs selected are consistent with the TMDL is provided.

Standard 5: Land Uses With Higher Potential Pollutant Loads (LUHPPLs)

☐ The NPDES Multi-Sector General Permit covers the land use and the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) has been included with the Stormwater Report.

☐ The NPDES Multi-Sector General Permit covers the land use and the SWPPP will be submitted ***prior to*** the discharge of stormwater to the post-construction stormwater BMPs.

☐ The NPDES Multi-Sector General Permit does ***not*** cover the land use.

☐ LUHPPLs are located at the site and industry specific source control and pollution prevention measures have been proposed to reduce or eliminate the exposure of LUHPPLs to rain, snow, snow melt and runoff, and been included in the long term Pollution Prevention Plan.

☐ All exposure has been eliminated.

☐ All exposure has ***not*** been eliminated and all BMPs selected are on MassDEP LUHPPL list.

☐ The LUHPPL has the potential to generate runoff with moderate to higher concentrations of oil and grease (e.g. all parking lots with >1000 vehicle trips per day) and the treatment train includes an oil grit separator, a filtering bioretention area, a sand filter or equivalent.

Standard 6: Critical Areas

☐ The discharge is near or to a critical area and the treatment train includes only BMPs that MassDEP has approved for stormwater discharges to or near that particular class of critical area.

☐ Critical areas and BMPs are identified in the Stormwater Report.

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Checklist (continued)

Standard 7: Redevelopments and Other Projects Subject to the Standards only to the maximum extent practicable

☒ The project is subject to the Stormwater Management Standards only to the maximum Extent Practicable as a:

- ☐ Limited Project
- ☐ Small Residential Projects: 5-9 single family houses or 5-9 units in a multi-family development provided there is no discharge that may potentially affect a critical area.
- ☐ Small Residential Projects: 2-4 single family houses or 2-4 units in a multi-family development with a discharge to a critical area
- ☐ Marina and/or boatyard provided the hull painting, service and maintenance areas are protected from exposure to rain, snow, snow melt and runoff
- ☐ Bike Path and/or Foot Path
- ☒ Redevelopment Project
- ☐ Redevelopment portion of mix of new and redevelopment.

☐ Certain standards are not fully met (Standard No. 1, 8, 9, and 10 must always be fully met) and an explanation of why these standards are not met is contained in the Stormwater Report.

☐ The project involves redevelopment and a description of all measures that have been taken to improve existing conditions is provided in the Stormwater Report. The redevelopment checklist found in Volume 2 Chapter 3 of the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook may be used to document that the proposed stormwater management system (a) complies with Standards 2, 3 and the pretreatment and structural BMP requirements of Standards 4-6 to the maximum extent practicable and (b) improves existing conditions.

Standard 8: Construction Period Pollution Prevention and Erosion and Sedimentation Control

A Construction Period Pollution Prevention and Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan must include the following information:

- Narrative;
- Construction Period Operation and Maintenance Plan;
- Names of Persons or Entity Responsible for Plan Compliance;
- Construction Period Pollution Prevention Measures;
- Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan Drawings;
- Detail drawings and specifications for erosion control BMPs, including sizing calculations;
- Vegetation Planning;
- Site Development Plan;
- Construction Sequencing Plan;
- Sequencing of Erosion and Sedimentation Controls;
- Operation and Maintenance of Erosion and Sedimentation Controls;
- Inspection Schedule;
- Maintenance Schedule;
- Inspection and Maintenance Log Form.

☒ A Construction Period Pollution Prevention and Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan containing the information set forth above has been included in the Stormwater Report.

Checklist for Stormwater Report

Checklist (continued)

Standard 8: Construction Period Pollution Prevention and Erosion and Sedimentation Control (continued)

☐ The project is highly complex and information is included in the Stormwater Report that explains why it is not possible to submit the Construction Period Pollution Prevention and Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan with the application. A Construction Period Pollution Prevention and Erosion and Sedimentation Control has ***not*** been included in the Stormwater Report but will be submitted ***before*** land disturbance begins.

☐ The project is ***not*** covered by a NPDES Construction General Permit.

☐ The project is covered by a NPDES Construction General Permit and a copy of the SWPPP is in the Stormwater Report.

☒ The project is covered by a NPDES Construction General Permit but no SWPPP been submitted. The SWPPP will be submitted BEFORE land disturbance begins.

Standard 9: Operation and Maintenance Plan

☐ The Post Construction Operation and Maintenance Plan is included in the Stormwater Report and includes the following information:

- ☐ Name of the stormwater management system owners;
- ☐ Party responsible for operation and maintenance;
- ☐ Schedule for implementation of routine and non-routine maintenance tasks;
- ☐ Plan showing the location of all stormwater BMPs maintenance access areas;
- ☐ Description and delineation of public safety features;
- ☐ Estimated operation and maintenance budget; and
- ☐ Operation and Maintenance Log Form.

☐ The responsible party is ***not*** the owner of the parcel where the BMP is located and the Stormwater Report includes the following submissions:

- ☐ A copy of the legal instrument (deed, homeowner's association, utility trust or other legal entity) that establishes the terms of and legal responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the project site stormwater BMPs;
- ☐ A plan and easement deed that allows site access for the legal entity to operate and maintain BMP functions.

Standard 10: Prohibition of Illicit Discharges

☐ The Long-Term Pollution Prevention Plan includes measures to prevent illicit discharges;

☐ An Illicit Discharge Compliance Statement is attached;

☐ NO Illicit Discharge Compliance Statement is attached but will be submitted ***prior to*** the discharge of any stormwater to post-construction BMPs.

Stormwater Report

To Be Submitted with the Notice of Intent

Applicant/Project Name: ACE Solar - Newbury Landfill Solar Project

Project Address: 75 Boston Road, Newbury, MA

Application Prepared by:

Firm: Weston & Sampson, Inc.

Registered PE James I. Pearson, P.E.

Below is an explanation concerning Standards 1-10 as they apply to the ACE Solar – Newbury Landfill Solar Project:

General:

The parcel (R36-0-27) for the Newbury, MA Landfill Solar Project is 26.9 acres containing an existing capped landfill, covered disposal area, paved driveway & parking, small outbuildings, security fence, and existing stormwater controls including grassed side-slope swales, riprap downchute swales, and a detention basin. The parcel is located at 75 Boston Road in Newbury, MA, bordering Little River and the MBTA Commuter Rail Newburyport/Rockport Line. The purpose of the project is to create a sustainable source of renewable energy for the Town of Newbury, MA.

The applicant proposes construction of 1,456 400-watt PV solar panels with a total capacity of 582.4 KW DC power. The solar panels will be installed on a ground mounted racking system, and the tilt angle of the panels and wide inter-row spacing has been designed to minimize shading. The solar array rows are spaced to provide a 4-foot access path to maintain the solar panels.

MassDEP Wetlands Program Policy 17-1:

MassDEP has adopted a policy (MassDEP Wetlands Program Policy 17-1) regarding the installation of photovoltaic systems within areas under the jurisdiction of the Wetland Protection Act (310 CMR 10). The Stormwater Management provisions of that policy are summarized below. The policy indicates that in cases where a project does not fully comply with the policy guidelines, "Applicant may provide documentation for consideration demonstrating that the peak rate of runoff, recharge, and TSS treatment requirements are still met in cases where the factors below are not met."

- *Guideline 1:* slopes on which the PVS arrays are placed are not greater than 3:1 (18° or 33.5% slope), naturally or as graded

  Compliance Statement: PVS arrays will be installed on the 3:1 slopes of the covered landfill. The PVS will not impact peak rate of runoff, recharge and TSS treatment requirements for the site as further discussed below.

- *Guideline 2:* an erosion control plan is developed and implemented which prevents direct discharges to wetlands and which grade the project site to avoid or minimize

channelized stormwater flow from the Buffer Zone directly into wetland resource areas;

Compliance Statement: The project plans and NOI include both narrative and graphical documents which comprise a comprehensive erosion and sediment control plan that complies with this guideline.

- *Guideline 3:* land disturbance and grading is conducted in a phased and selective manner (i.e. avoid, if possible, or minimize clearing the entire site at one time in order to minimize soil mobilization and the amount of soil exposure at any one time to reduce construction period runoff), or other appropriate construction best management practices are incorporated to preclude construction period runoff/erosion. Provide temporary land stabilization measures for all disturbed surfaces such as mulching until permanent native vegetative cover is established, and utilize temporary sedimentation basins as appropriate.

  Compliance Statement: Due to the fact that the work is being performed on an existing landfill cover system, clearing and disturbance will be minimized to avoid disturbance to that system. PVS construction is limited only to the south-facing slopes of the landfill. The plans provide information as to final surficial stabilization and erosion controls.

- *Guideline 4:* construction and post-construction phase stormwater management plans include sub-catchments under the PVS arrays which include stormwater BMPs such as infiltration trenches, water bar/log bars, and natural vegetative cover consisting solely of native grass and plant species (note: the extent of stormwater BMPs required will depend largely on the existing cover type as compared to the proposed cover type. In some instances, BMPs may not be necessary, where the proposed cover type represents an improvement over existing conditions);

  Compliance Statement: Due to the requirements of PVS installation and to maintain an adequate factor of safety for veneer slope stability, PVS arrays will be placed on 4 inches of compacted 1 ½" crushed stone atop 4 inches of dense graded crushed stone. The material will be placed on top of the vegetated support layer of the existing landfill cover system. The crushed stone is a highly porous material that will allow surface run-off to infiltrate into the stone and subsequently into the sand drainage layer of the cover system where infiltration flow is routed to the riprap downchute swales via perforated underdrain piping. The runoff curve number (CN) of the crushed stone closely approximates the CN of the existing grassed surface. Hence the peak discharge rates and runoff volume under proposed conditions will approximate peal rates/volumes under existing conditions.

  The PVS arrays and crushed stone cover will not impact the current function of the landfill stormwater control system or the runoff curve number. It is possible to state without further analysis that the placement of crushed stone will not impact peak discharge rates and runoff volumes from the site, and that the existing landfill stormwater control system is adequately sized to handle post-development runoff rates and volumes. Likewise, TSS treatment and stormwater recharge measures

are not required. As stated in Policy 17-1: "no stormwater recharge or TSS treatment shall be required when the ground surface under, and adjacent to, the PVS arrays consists of gravel/crushed stone or is planted and maintained with native vegetative cover sufficient to provide adequate infiltration and eliminate surface water runoff."

- *Guideline 5:* top soil is preserved or supplemented sufficient to maintain vegetation cover;

  Compliance Statement: existing materials are preserved as they are part of a landfill cover system.

- *Guideline 6:* solar panel rows are spaced in a manner to allow sunlight penetration sufficient to support vegetation between the solar panel rows;

  Compliance Statement: This condition is met.

- *Guideline 7:* where panel rows follow the slope (i.e. the panel arrays are constructed down, rather than across, a slope) provide intermittent gaps between adjacent panels sufficient to accommodate anticipated runoff so that runoff occurs from individual panels rather than from the length of the entire array;

  Compliance Statement: This is not applicable. Panels are constructed across the slopes.

- *Guideline 8:* panel drip edges (or leading edge of panels) are no greater than 10-feet above the ground surface;

  Compliance Statement: This condition is met.

- *Guideline 9:* no conveyances or outfalls are constructed; and

  Compliance Statement: No new conveyances or outfalls are proposed.

- *Guideline 10:* no work is proposed in a buffer zone of Resource Areas that borders a Critical Area, as defined at 314 CMR 9.02, or in the estimated habitat identified on the most recent Estimated Habitat Map of State Listed Rare Species prepared by the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program.

  Compliance Statement: Though there are outstanding resource waters in the vicinity of the project, the work is not proposed withing the buffer zone of outstanding resource waters. This condition is met.

Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook Compliance:

The project is also in compliance with the standards of 310 CMR 10.05(6)(k). Each of these standards is cited farther below, along with a description of how the project complies.

Standard 1: No New Untreated Discharges

The proposed project will create no new untreated discharges. No new impervious area will be created during this project.

Standard 2: Peak Rate Attenuation

The project will not create in increase in peak discharge from the site. See discussion under Guideline 4 above.

To ensure that the work incorporates the performance standards recommended in the DEP's Stormwater Management Policy, necessary erosion and sedimentation control measures will be utilized during construction. These measures are further described under Standard 8.

Standard 3: Recharge

As noted in the Standard 2 explanation, the impervious area in the work area will not be increased at the completion of the project. Therefore, recharge rates will not change in the work area at the end of the project.

Standard 4: Water Quality

The proposed work will not change water quality at the site. There will be no increase in impervious area, and the design for solar panel arrays will not increase soil erosion. During the project, appropriate BMPs will be used to minimize sedimentation and soil erosion.

Standard 5: Land Uses with Higher Potential Pollutant Loads (LUHPPLs)

Not Applicable. There are no LUHPPLs in the work area.

Standard 6: Critical Areas

Runoff from this site discharges indirectly to an Outstanding Resource Water (ORW) after passing through existing onsite BMPs. Though this standard applies, no BMPs in addition to the ones installed at the time of the landfill cap construction will be required. Rationale for this is described under the DEP Policy 17-1 narrative above.

Standard 7: Redevelopments and Other Projects Subject to the Standards Only to the Maximum Extent Practicable

This is a re-development and limited project which will minimize disturbance to existing trees and shrubs.

Standard 8: Construction Period Pollution Prevention and Erosion and Sediment Control

A detailed Construction Period Pollution Prevention and Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan is included. To ensure that the work incorporates the performance standards recommended in the DEP's Stormwater Management Policy, necessary erosion and sedimentation control measures will be utilized during construction. These measures will include continuous compost filter tube along the limits of construction, catch basin inlet protection in the form of silt sacks, use of a temporary material and equipment stockpile location, and use of a stabilized construction entrance near the existing gate to the landfill area.

Standard 9: Operation and Maintenance Plan

An operations and maintenance plan is not needed since there will not be any new stormwater management systems put in place in the project work area. Existing onsite stormwater BMPs related to landfill will continue to be operated and maintained by the Town of Newbury in accordance with existing O&M plans.

Standard 10: Prohibition of Illicit Discharges

By the nature of the proposed work, there will be no illicit discharges. There will be no opportunity for illicit discharges into the system.

Registered Professional Engineer's Certification

I have reviewed the Stormwater Report, including any relevant soil evaluations, computations, Long-term Pollution Prevention Plan, the Construction Period Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan, the Long-term Post-Construction Operation and Maintenance Plan, the Illicit Discharge Compliance Statement and the plans showing the stormwater management system, and have determined that they have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Stormwater Management Standards as further elaborated by the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook. I have also determined that the information presented in the Stormwater Checklist is accurate and that the information presented in the Stormwater Report accurately reflects conditions at the site as of the date of this permit application.

Registered Professional Engineer Block and Signature

2/25/2021

Signature and Date

Construction Period Pollution Prevention and Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan

SECTION 1: Introduction

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As part of this project, this "Construction Period Pollution Prevention and Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan" has been created to ensure that no further disturbance to the wetland resource is created during the project.

SECTION 2: Construction Period Pollution Prevention Measures

Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be utilized as Construction Period Pollution Prevention Measures to reduce potential pollutants and prevent any off-site discharge. The objectives of the BMPs for construction activity are to minimize the disturbed areas, stabilize any disturbed areas, control the site perimeter and retain sediment. Both erosion and sedimentation controls and non-stormwater best management measures will be used to minimize site disturbance and ensure compliance with the performance standards of the WPA and Stormwater Standards. Measures will be taken to minimize the area disturbed by construction activities to reduce the potential for soil erosion and stormwater pollution problems. In addition, good housekeeping measures will be followed for the day-to-day operation of the construction site under the control of the contractor to minimize the impact of construction. This section describes the control practices that will be in place during construction activities. Recommended control practices will comply with the standards set in the MA DEP Stormwater Policy Handbook.

2.1 Minimize Disturbed Area and Protect Natural Features and Soil

In order to minimize disturbed areas, work will be completed within well-defined work limits. These work limits are shown on the construction plans. The Contractor shall not disturb native vegetation in the undisturbed wetland area without prior approval from the Engineer. The Contractor will be responsible to make sure that all of their workers and any subcontractors know the proper work limits and do not extend their work into the undisturbed areas. The protective measures are described in more detail in the following sections.

2.2 Control Stormwater Flowing onto and through the project

Construction areas adjacent to wetland resources (Little River) will be lined with appropriate sediment and erosion control measures. Existing stormwater swale will be protected from construction activity and from filling up with siltation by continuous compost filter tube placed on the limits of work.

2.3 Stabilize Soils

The Contractor shall limit the area of land which is exposed and free from vegetation during construction. In areas where the period of exposure will be greater than two (2) months, mulching, the use of erosion control mats, or other protective measures shall be provided as specified.

The Contractor shall take account of the conditions of the soil where erosion control seeding will take place to insure that materials used for re-vegetation are adaptive to the sediment control.

2.4 Proper Storage and Cover of Any Stockpiles

The location of the Contractor's storage areas for equipment and/or materials shall require written approval of the Engineer.

Adequate measures for erosion and sediment control such as the placement of compost filter tubes around the downstream perimeter of stockpiles shall be employed to protect any downstream areas from siltation.

There shall be no storage of equipment or materials in areas designated as wetlands.

The Engineer may designate a particular area or areas where the Contractor may store materials used in his operations.

2.5 Perimeter Controls and Sediment Barriers

Erosion control lines as described in Section 5 will be utilized to ensure that sedimentation does not occur outside the perimeter of the work area.

2.6 Storm Drain Inlet Protection

The contractor will protect existing drain catch basin inlets within and surrounding the limits of work by installing siltation filter sacks prior to the start of any construction activities.

2.7 Retain Sediment On-Site

The Contractor will be responsible to monitor erosion control measures. Whenever necessary, the Contractor will clear sediment from the compost filter tube and catch basin filter sacks that have been silted up during construction. Daily monitoring should be conducted using the attached Monitoring Form.

The following good housekeeping practices will be followed on-site during the construction project:

2.8 Material Handling and Waste Management

Materials stored on-site will be stored in a neat, orderly manner in appropriate containers. Materials will be kept in their original containers with the original manufacturer's label. Substances will not be mixed with one another unless recommended by the manufacturer.

Waste materials will be collected and stored in a securely lidded metal container from a licensed management company. The waste and any construction debris from the site will be hauled off-site daily and disposed of properly. The contractor will be responsible for waste removal. Manufacturer's recommendations for proper use and disposal will be followed for materials. Sanitary waste will be collected from the portable units a minimum of once a week, by a licensed sanitary waste management contractor.

2.9 Designated Washout Areas

The Contractor shall use washout facilities at their own facilities, unless otherwise directed by the Engineer.

2.10 Proper Equipment/Vehicle Fueling and Maintenance Practices

On-site vehicles will be monitored for leaks and receive regular preventative maintenance to reduce the risk of leakage. To ensure that leaks on stored equipment do not contaminate the site, oil-absorbing mats will be placed under oil-containing equipment during storage. Regular fueling and service of the equipment may be performed using approved methods and with care taken to minimize chance of spills. Repair of equipment or machinery within the 100' water resources area shall not be allowed without the prior approval of the Engineer. Any petroleum products will be stored in tightly sealed containers that are clearly labeled with spill control pads/socks placed under/around their perimeters.

2.11 Equipment/Vehicle Washing

The Contractor will be responsible to ensure that no equipment is washed on-site.

SECTION 3: Spill Prevention and Control Plan

The Contractor will be responsible for preventing spills in accordance with the project specifications and applicable federal, state and local regulations. The Contractor will identify a properly trained site employee, involved with the day-to-day site operations to be the spill prevention and cleanup coordinator. The name(s) of the responsible spill personnel will be posted on-site. Each employee will be instructed that all spills are to be reported to the spill prevention and cleanup coordinator.

3.1 Spill Control Equipment

Spill control/containment equipment will be kept in the Work Area. Materials and equipment necessary for spill cleanup will be kept either in the Work Area or in an otherwise accessible on-site location. Equipment and materials will include, but not be limited to, absorbent booms/mats, brooms, dust pans, mops, rags, gloves, goggles, sand, plastic and metal containers specifically

for this purpose. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to ensure the inventory will be readily accessible and maintained.

3.2 Notification

Workers will be directed to inform the on-site supervisor of a spill event. The supervisor will assess the incident and initiate proper containment and response procedures immediately upon notification. Workers should avoid direct contact with spilled materials during the containment procedures. Primary notification of a spill should be made to the local Fire Department and Police Departments. Secondary Notification will be to the certified cleanup contractor if deemed necessary by Fire and/or Police personnel. The third level of notification (within 1 hour) is to the DEP or municipality's Licensed Site Professional (LSP). The specific cleanup contractor to be used will be identified by the Contractor prior to commencement of construction activities.

3.3 Spill Containment and Clean-Up Measures

Spills will be contained with granular sorbent material, sand, sorbent pads, booms or all of the above to prevent spreading. Certified cleanup contractors should complete spill cleanup. The material manufacturer's recommended methods for spill cleanup will be clearly posted and on-site personnel will be made aware of the procedures and the location of the information and cleanup supplies.

3.4 Hazardous Materials Spill Report

The Contractor will report and record any spill. The spill report will present a description of the release, including the quantity and type of material, date of the spill, circumstances leading to the release, location of spill, response actions and personnel, documentation of notifications and corrective measures implemented to prevent reoccurrence.

This document does not relieve the Contractor of the Federal reporting requirements of 40 CFR Part 110, 40 CFR Part 117, 40 CFR Part 302 and the State requirements specified under the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (M.C.P) relating to spills or other releases of oils or hazardous substances. Where a release containing a hazardous substance or oil in an amount equal to or in excess of a reportable quantity established under either 40 CFR Part 110, 40 CFR Part 117 or 40 CFR Part 302, occurs during a twenty-four (24) hour period, the Contractor is required to comply with the response requirements of the above mentioned regulations. Spills of oil or hazardous material in excess of the reportable quantity will be reported to the National Response Center (NRC).

SECTION 4: Contact Information/Responsible Parties

Owner/Operator:

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North Andover, MA 01815

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Reading, MA 01867
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Site Inspector:
TBD

Contractor:
TBD

SECTION 5: Erosion and Sedimentation Control

Erosion and Sedimentation Control Drawings can be found in the attached project plans. In addition a technical specification (*Section 01570 Environmental Protection*) has been included, which details all Erosion and Sedimentation controls.

SECTION 6: Site Development Plan

The Site Development Plan is included in the attached plans.

SECTION 7: Operation and Maintenance of Erosion Control

The erosion control measures will be installed as detailed in the technical specification *01570 Environmental Protection*. If there is a failure to the controls the Contractor, under the supervision of the Engineer, will be required to stop work until the failure is repaired.

Periodically throughout the work, whenever the Engineer deems it necessary, the sediment that has been deposited against the controls will be removed to ensure that the controls are working properly.

SECTION 8: Inspection Schedule

During construction, the erosion and sedimentation controls will be inspected daily. Once the Contractor is selected, an onsite inspector will be selected to work closely with the Engineer to ensure that erosion and sedimentation controls are in place and working properly. An Inspection Form is included.

Inspection Form

Inspected By: _____ Date: _____Time:_____

YES	NO	DOES NOT APPLY	ITEM
			Do any erosion/siltation control measures require repair or clean out to maintain adequate function?
			Is there any evidence that sediment is leaving the site and entering the wetlands?
			Are any temporary soil stockpiles or construction materials located in non-approved areas?
			Are on-site construction traffic routes, parking, and storage of equipment and supplies located in areas not specifically designed for them?

Specific location, current weather conditions, and action to be taken:

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Other Comments:

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Pending the actions noted above I certify that the site is in compliance with the Construction Period Pollution Prevention and Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan.

Signature: _____ Date: _____