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CERTIFICATE OF THE SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS ON THE NOTICE OF PROJECT CHANGE

PROJECT NAME	: New England Recycling
PROJECT MUNICIPALITY	: 565 Winthrop Street (Route 44) - Taunton
PROJECT WATERSHED	: Taunton River
EOEA NUMBER	: 13083
PROJECT PROPONENT	: New England Recycling
DATE NOTICED IN MONITOR	: May 24, 2006

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (G. L., c. 30, ss. 61-62H) and Section 11.10 of the MEPA regulations (301 CMR 11.00), I have reviewed the Notice of Project Change (NPC) submitted on this project and determine that it **does not require** the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

The project originally consisted of the construction of a 30,800 square foot (sf) construction and demolition (C&D) facility for processing and recycling. The proponent proposed to move all sorting operations indoors and increase the tonnage processed from 160 to 320 tons per day (tpd). It also proposed to retrofit the processing line from diesel to electric powered equipment to reduce potential noise and air pollution. The site is located on approximately 16.13 acres. On August 21, 2003, the Secretary determined that the project did not require an EIR.

The proponent submitted an NPC on May 1, 2006. The proponent is proposing to increase the maximum daily tonnage from 320 to 550 tpd of C&D material. The proponent will need to obtain a Modification of a Large Handling Facility Permit (BWP SW 07) from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The project may require a change in use notification regarding its Access Permit for its driveway onto Route 44 from the Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD).

The facility operates 312 days per year. The weekday hours of operation are 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, and from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturdays on an as-needed basis. The facility is closed



on Sundays. The proponent is proposing to increase its daily tonnage (averaged annually) at 550 tpd or 171,600 tons per year (tpy), an increase of about 71,760 tpy. The tipping room floor is approximately 15,000 sf.

The proponent has estimated that this increase in tonnage will generate about 72 additional average daily vehicle trips for a daily total of 570 trips. Site access will remain the same as under existing conditions. The proposed project will not increase the amount of water consumed or wastewater generated by the facility.

The proponent has implemented Best Management Practices to improve stormwater quality on the project site. The runoff from paved areas flows to catch basins equipped with deep sumps with gas traps, oil/water separators, and sediment traps that flow to water quality swales and a detention pond. Roof runoff flows to the stormwater system. The proponent performs an annual inspection and maintenance program for the stormwater collection system and a daily wet sweeping program of the driveways and parking areas.

Based on a review of the information provided by the proponent and after consultation with the relevant public agencies, I find that the potential impacts of this project change do not warrant preparation of an EIR and can be addressed in the state and local permitting processes. DEP has sufficient permitting authority to ensure that any issues that arise can be addressed. No further MEPA review is required for this increase in tonnage at New England Recycling.

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Comments received:

EOEA, 5/30/06

EOEA, 6/2/06

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