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

PROJECT NAME	: Yarmouth Transfer Station
PROJECT MUNICIPALITY	: Yarmouth
PROJECT WATERSHED	: Cape Cod
EOEA NUMBER	: 10880
PROJECT PROPONENT	: Yarmouth Department of Public Works
DATE NOTICED IN MONITOR	: December 6, 2006

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (M.G.L. c.30, ss.61-62H) and Section 11.17 of the MEPA regulations (301 CMR 11.00), I have reviewed the Notice of Project Change (NPC) submitted on this project and hereby determine that it **does not require** the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

### Project History

As described in the original Environmental Notification Form (ENF) filed with the MEPA Office in August 1996, the phased project involved the capping of 11 acres of the Yarmouth landfill, the relocation of an existing leaf composting area and construction and demolition (C&D) drop-off area, and the continued operation of a 57-acre site assigned (1973) solid waste recycling and transfer station. The project is located on a 120-acre parcel located adjacent to Old Town House Road and West Yarmouth Road in Yarmouth. The project also included the construction of a 14-acre public recreation area in the eastern portion of the project site containing ball fields, basketball courts and other recreational amenities, and the expansion (seven additional golf-holes) of the existing Bayberry Hill Municipal Golf Course on a portion of the capped landfill. The proponent also proposed to construct a bicycle path along the site's Old Town House Road frontage to connect to an existing bicycle path located across West Yarmouth Road.

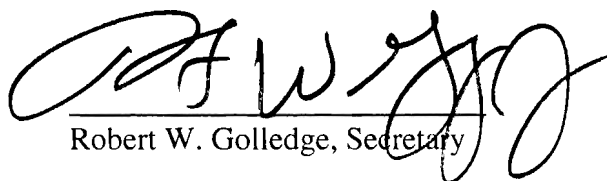
The Yarmouth Transfer Station is utilized as a solid waste recycling and transfer facility accommodating an average disposal rate of 100 tons per day (tpd) (60 tpd - municipal solid waste, 40 tpd - C&D waste). The Yarmouth Sanitary Landfill Closure and Reuse Activities Project was completed in 2000.

Notice of Project Change

As described in this NPC, the Town of Yarmouth is proposing to increase the maximum allowable tonnage to be accepted at the Yarmouth Transfer Station from 100 tpd to 145 tpd to accommodate seasonal peak increases in municipal solid waste and C&D waste flows associated with seasonal population increases and peak construction periods. The project change will include the construction of a new maintenance building, improved stormwater management infrastructure, and edge landscaping. According to the Town, the project change will not result in an increase in the size of the Transfer Station or generate significant additional environmental impacts beyond those previously reviewed by the MEPA Office, and by the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) as part of MassDEP's Site Suitability and an Authorization to Operate Permit (310 CMR 16.00, BWP SW 06) permit review process. I note that the proponent has filed a Renewal Authorization to Operate permit application with MassDEP for the continued operation of the Transfer Station. I anticipate that MassDEP's permit review process will address the Town's request to increase the maximum allowable tonnage to be accepted at the Yarmouth Transfer Station, and the need, if any, for a modification of the Transfer Station's site assignment approval by the Yarmouth Board of Health.

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 the preparation of an EIR. Any remaining Issues pertaining to water quality, municipal solid waste management, and traffic are fully within the jurisdiction of the state permitting agencies and can be addressed during the permitting and environmental review process.

January 3, 2007  
Date

  
Robert W. Gollidge, Secretary

Comments received:

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