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CERTIFICATE OF THE SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL NOTIFICATION FORM

PROJECT NAME : Spill Response
PROJECT MUNICIPALITY : Route 24 and King Street - Raynham
PROJECT WATERSHED : Taunton River
EOEA NUMBER : 13773
PROJECT PROPONENT : Exxon Mobil Refining and Supply
DATE NOTICED IN MONITOR : April 10, 2006

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (G. L. c. 30, ss. 61-62H) and Section 11.06 of the MEPA regulations (301 CMR 11.00), I determine that this project **does not require** the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

According to the Environmental Notification Form (ENF), the proposed project consists of the response to a release of an estimated 2,000 gallons of gasoline from a tanker truck. On September 26, 2005, under the direction of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), soil excavation activities were undertaken by the proponent. The excavation extended to approximately 2 feet to 13 feet below ground surface (bgs) in the spill area. The proponent removed approximately 1,498 tons of soil from the site. It also removed 733 gallons of gasoline and 25,894 gallons of gasoline impacted groundwater during the Immediate Response Action. The site was then backfilled and graded to pre-excavation conditions. It was seeded with a New England Wetland Seed Mix with erosion control blankets. The wetland and buffer zone areas were planted with native vegetation. The planting was designed to mimic the surrounding wetlands. The site contains 10,454 square feet (sf).

The project is subject to review pursuant to Section 11.03(3)(b)(1)(d) of the MEPA regulations because the project includes the alteration of 5,000 or more square feet of bordering or isolated vegetated wetlands. It will need a 401 Water Quality Certificate from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The project may need a Programmatic General Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The project will need an Order of Conditions from the Raynham Conservation Commission and is proposed as a "limited" project. MEPA jurisdiction is limited to those aspects of the project that may have significant environmental impacts (wetlands and stormwater).



According to the proponent, the project will impact 6,047 sf of bordering vegetated wetlands (BVW) and 4,776 sf of buffer zone, which are temporary impacts (restoration).

Stormwater runoff in the area of excavation will likely flow overland (over the graded excavation area) to existing surface water discharge points along the unnamed brook.

Based on a review of the information provided by the proponent, a review of the comment letters, and after consultation with DEP, I find that the potential impacts of this project do not warrant the preparation of an EIR.

May 24, 2006
Date


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Comments received:

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