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

PROJECT NAME	: Granby Landfill
PROJECT MUNICIPALITY	: 11 New Ludlow Road - Granby
PROJECT WATERSHED	: Connecticut River
EOEA NUMBER	: 5026
PROJECT PROPONENT	: Holyoke Sanitary Landfill, Inc.
DATE NOTICED IN MONITOR	: April 26, 2006

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

In the Second Supplemental EIR, the project consisted of the vertical expansion of the landfill on top of the existing landfill (approximately 32 acres of existing footprint). The proponent proposed to increase the landfill material received from its existing level of 600 tons per day (tpd) to 1,000 tpd. This increase in material received would increase the tonnage on an annual basis from 146,000 to 235,000 tons per year. The total capacity of the proposed vertical expansion is about 2,000,000 cubic yards. The present elevation of the landfill varies between an elevation of 260 to about 285 feet. The proposed vertical expansion would create a lined landfill up to a maximum height of 360 feet for its final grade. The proponent is proposing to construct a mechanically stabilized earth berm to stabilize this proposed vertical expansion. The project would extend the life of the landfill until approximately 2010. The project site is approximately 98 acres of which 64 acres are site-assigned by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

The proponent submitted an NPC on April 5, 2006. The proponent is requesting approval of an increase in daily material received from 1,000 to 1,200 tpd. The proposed tonnage increase would provide the proponent with additional operating flexibility in order to utilize the existing

approved capacity of the landfill of 235,000 tons per year. Currently, the proponent is not utilizing its annual capacity approved. According to the proponent, the daily rate cap of 1,000 tpd precludes the proponent from accepting sufficient waste on a daily basis during peak periods of municipal solid waste (MSW) supply availability to compensate for those days outside of the peak periods when the amount of waste accepted for disposal by the proponent is below the annual average. The existing 40 additional truck trips that this change is estimated to produce would be below the levels of trips previously identified.

The project will require a minor modification of the existing Site Assignment from the Granby Board of Health. An application to modify the Authorization to Operate will be required by DEP. No change in water use or wastewater generation is anticipated with this project change.

Based on a review of the information provided by the proponent and after consultation with the state permitting agencies, I find that the potential impacts of this project change do not warrant the preparation of an EIR and can be addressed through the local and state permitting processes. No further MEPA review is required for completion of the Granby Sanitary Landfill, as presented in this NPC.

May 26, 2006

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Comments received:

Granby Board of Selectmen, 4/18/06

Granby Board of Health, 4/25/06

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