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

PROJECT NAME : Salem State College-Renovations to Existing Baseball Field and Construction of a New Tennis Court Facility.

PROJECT MUNICIPALITY : Salem

PROJECT WATERSHED : North Shore Coastal Drainage Area

EOEA NUMBER : 13908

PROJECT PROPONENT : Massachusetts State College Building Authority

DATE NOTICED IN MONITOR : November 8, 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 hereby determine that this project **does not require** the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

As described in the Environmental Notification Form (ENF), the project involves the and Salem State College to reconfigure the existing baseball field and add bleachers with a press box, fencing, utilities, and landscaping. A tennis court facility also will be constructed with bleachers, a pedestrian path, fencing, utilities, landscaping and parking for 26 vehicles. These two athletic facilities are proposed on the 37.5-acre, Central Campus, which was formerly a light bulb and radio tube manufacturing facility with a glass landfill in Salem

The project is undergoing review pursuant to Section 11.03 (3)(b)(1) and Section 11.03 (3)(b)(f) of the MEPA regulations, because the project will alter coastal bank and will result in the alteration of more than 1/2 acres of other wetland. The project will require a Superseding Order of Conditions from the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and a Landfill Post Closure Use Permit, Major Modification. Because the proponent is seeking

financial assistance from the Commonwealth for the project, MEPA jurisdiction extends to all aspects of the project that are likely to have significant environmental impacts. The project will receive funding from the Massachusetts State College Building Authority.

The project as proposed will alter 43,900 square feet of riverfront, 224 linear feet of coastal bank, and 653 square feet of land subject to coastal storm flowage. The Order of Conditions issued by the city of Salem's Conservation Commission was appealed, and the proponent is seeking a Superseding Order of Conditions from MassDEP, DEP File #64-414. The tennis court facilities are not within subject matter jurisdiction for the Superseding Order.

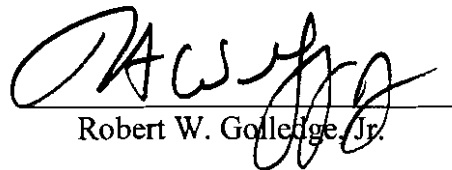
The ENF indicates that the drainage blanket beneath the synthetic turf on the baseball field will be designed to maximize surface water infiltration of stormwater. However, stormwater recharge is not recommended by MassDEP over the capped glass landfill. Stormwater should be conveyed away from the landfill, treated, and discharged in accordance with the Stormwater Management Policy (SMP). The infiltration standard in the SMP does not appear to be applicable in this location because the pre-development site already would be considered impervious because of the landfill cap. I strongly advise the proponent to consult with MassDEP to ensure that the stormwater management plan and best management practices will be in compliance with the Stormwater Management Policy.

I also advise the proponent to consult with MassDEP in regards to landfill related issues associated with construction of the athletic fields to avoid the potential for impacts to the capped landfill.

The DEP permitting process for this project is quite detailed, and I am confident that DEP review will lead to appropriate conditions to ensure that impacts on the wetlands are minimized. Specifically, any outstanding issues relating to the wetlands impacts of the baseball field and facilities and compliance with the Performance Standards can be addressed in permitting. No further MEPA review is required.

December 8, 2006

Date


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Comments Received:

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