



**Environmental  
 Notification Form**

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 Executive Office of Environmental Affairs

EOEA No.: 14145  
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The information requested on this form must be completed to begin MEPA Review in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act, 301 CMR 11.00.

Project Name: Tom Berkowitz Trucking Site Assignment Modification		
Street: 279 Douglas Road		
Municipality: Whitinsville	Watershed: Blackstone River Watershed	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:	Latitude: 278812.46 Longitude: 4665197.35 Zone 19	
Estimated commencement date: NA	Estimated completion date: NA	
Approximate cost: NA	Status of project design: 100	%complete
Proponent: Tom Berkowitz Trucking		
Street: 279 Douglas Road		
Municipality: Whitinsville	State: MA	Zip Code: 01880
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: Melissa Parker		
Firm/Agency: Norfolk Ram Group, LLC	Street: 25 Birch Rd, Bldg B	
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- Does this project meet or exceed a mandatory EIR threshold (see 301 CMR 11.03)?  
 Yes  No
- Has this project been filed with MEPA before?  
 Yes (EOEA No. \_\_\_\_\_)  No
- Has any project on this site been filed with MEPA before?  
 Yes (EOEA No. \_\_\_\_\_)  No
- Is this an Expanded ENF (see 301 CMR 11.05(7)) requesting:
- a Single EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.06(8))  Yes  No
  - a Special Review Procedure? (see 301 CMR 11.09)  Yes  No
  - a Waiver of mandatory EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.11)  Yes  No
  - a Phase I Waiver? (see 301 CMR 11.11)  Yes  No

Identify any financial assistance or land transfer from an agency of the Commonwealth, including the agency name and the amount of funding or land area (in acres): N/A

Are you requesting coordinated review with any other federal, state, regional, or local agency?  
 Yes (Specify \_\_\_\_\_)  No

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals:  
 Site Assignment (Northbridge BOH 11/08/1997),  
 Site Assignment Modification (03/08/2004)  
 Authorization to Construct BWP SW 19, 07/21/1998)  
 Authorization to Operate A Small Handling Facility (BWP SW 20, 02/17/2005)

Which ENF or EIR review threshold(s) does the project meet or exceed (see 301 CMR 11.03):

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rare Species | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands, Waterways, & Tidelands      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water  | <input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Air          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solid & Hazardous Waste    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACEC   | <input type="checkbox"/> Regulations  | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical & Archaeological Resources |

Summary of Project Size & Environmental Impacts	Existing	Change	Total	State Permits & Approvals
<b>LAND</b>				<input type="checkbox"/> Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Superseding Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 91 License <input type="checkbox"/> 401 Water Quality Certification <input type="checkbox"/> MHD or MDC Access Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Water Management Act Permit <input type="checkbox"/> New Source Approval <input type="checkbox"/> DEP or MWRA Sewer Connection/ Extension Permit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Permits <i>(including Legislative Approvals) – Specify:</i> Request for Site Assignment Modification (Major Modification) (BWP SW 38)
Total site acreage	2.69			
New acres of land altered		0		
Acres of impervious area	1.5	0	1.5	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		0		
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		0		
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		0		
<b>STRUCTURES</b>				
Gross square footage	16000		16000	
Number of housing units	0	0	0	
Maximum height (in feet)	40	0	40	
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>				
Vehicle trips per day	2	0	4	
Parking spaces	10	0	10	
<b>WATER/WASTEWATER</b>				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	0	0	0	
GPD water withdrawal	0	0	0	
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment	0	0	0	
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	0	0	0	

**CONSERVATION LAND:** Will the project involve the conversion of public parkland or other Article 97 public natural resources to any purpose not in accordance with Article 97?

Yes (Specify \_\_\_\_\_)  No

Will it involve the release of any conservation restriction, preservation restriction, agricultural preservation restriction, or watershed preservation restriction?

Yes (Specify \_\_\_\_\_)  No

**RARE SPECIES:** Does the project site include Estimated Habitat of Rare Species, Vernal Pools, Priority Sites of Rare Species, or Exemplary Natural Communities?

Yes (Specify \_\_\_\_\_ )  No

**HISTORICAL /ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES:** Does the project site include any structure, site or district listed in the State Register of Historic Place or the inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth?

Yes (Specify \_\_\_\_\_ )  No

If yes, does the project involve any demolition or destruction of any listed or inventoried historic or archaeological resources?

Yes (Specify \_\_\_\_\_ )  No

**AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN:** Is the project in or adjacent to an Area of Critical Environmental Concern?

Yes (Specify \_\_\_\_\_ )  No

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project description should include (a) a description of the project site, (b) a description of both on-site and off-site alternatives and the impacts associated with each alternative, and (c) potential on-site and off-site mitigation measures for each alternative (You may attach one additional page, if necessary.)

This site is currently a waste transfer station with a valid site assignment covering a 0.23 acre building to receive 35 tons per day, 5.5 days per year of municipal solid waste. The purpose of the project is 1) to increase the current site assigned area to encompass a larger area of the current property utilized for waste transfer purposes, 2) to increase the tonnage limit to 100 tons per day accounted 6 days per week (although the site will continue normal operations only 5.5 days per week); and 3) to increase the allowable waste to include construction and demolition debris.

The current property was suggested by the Town for the construction and operation of the facility following discussions between the Town and the current property and facility owner that took place before the facility was designed and constructed. As this is an existing property seeking an increase in current operating parameters in response to an increase in customers and Town residents, no specific alternatives have been pursued. As the facility has already been operating successfully on the site, the continues use of the same space for these activities instead of spreading the activities over multiple spaces seemed to offer the most beneficial aspects with the least impact. The increase in waste handled at the facility will not be an immediate increase from 35 tons per day to 100 tons per day. The facility anticipates at first an increase in actual capacity to around 50 tons per day on those days based on current available data. This increase in actual received waste to 50 tons per day would not require any additional trucks on the road at this time. The increase to 100 tons allows for the facility to grow as the Town grows, with an ultimate expected 25% contingency in capacity for use by the Town of Northbridge as an emergency capacity.

No construction is anticipated to take place as a result of this request for an increase in capacity. The facility has been shown over years of operation to be able to handle more than 100 tons per day within the existing site building. This has been established during emergency situations when the facility was unable to operate as usual and sent out loads of trash but when curbside pick-up and other wastes were received by the facility. One example is a time when the compactor was broken for a period of two days. Over 100 tons of trash was stored inside within the enclosed building and within the first day of operation following the emergency, the existing 100 plus tons of trash plus an average of 30 tons brought in during the course of the day were all removed from the facility during one operational day.

The 2.69 acre parcel of land contains an area of wetlands. Care and concern for protecting this area has been addressed extensively through stormwater management system modifications conducted at the site. In the past year, Tom Berkowitz Trucking has modified the stormwater management system to prevent intrusion of stormwater runoff from across the site from entering or affecting the water quality within this wetland area; including a water quality swale and detention pond to used to intercept all stormwater runoff across paved areas and from the buildings roofs at the site, a catch basin located under the trash compactor being connected to the local sewer, and a continuous block wall between the paved area and the water quality swale to prevent direct runoff into the wetlands.