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ENVIRONMENTAL NOTIFICATION FORM

PROJECT NAME : Contaminated Sediment Removal & Wetland Restoration  
PROJECT MUNICIPALITY : Thatcher Street Landfill - Brockton  
PROJECT WATERSHED : Taunton River  
EOEA NUMBER : 13820  
PROJECT PROPONENT : City of Brockton, Mayor's Office  
DATE NOTICED IN MONITOR : June 21, 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 final closure and environmental assessment of the Thatcher Street Landfill. Polychlorinated Bi-phenols (PCB) contaminated soil sediments were detected within an adjacent wetland (Wetland B) and a nearby drainage ditch. The proponent proposes the excavation of these PCB-contaminated sediments and a restoration of the wetlands. It will include the wetland restoration with a New England Wetland Seed Mix to original grades so as to preserve hydrological functions, including flood protection, and groundwater recharge. The proponent proposes to remove approximately 400 cubic yards of contaminated sediment from an area of 22,000 square feet (sf). This remediation is being conducted as part of the final landfill closure process under the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) procedures. The landfill site contains 71 acres with approximately 40 acres of landfill area.

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 vegetated wetlands. It will need a 401 Water Quality Certificate from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The proponent has received a Programmatic General Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The project will need an Order of Conditions from the Brockton 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, stormwater, and remediation).



According to the proponent, the project will impact approximately 1,008 linear feet of Bank along the drainage channel and 21,875 sf of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, which are temporary impacts (restoration). The soil will be removed off-site to a licensed disposal site. The proponent is proposing an in-place restoration of wetlands at a one-to-one ratio.

Stormwater runoff in the area of excavation will flow overland (over the graded excavation area) to existing surface water discharge points in the drainage channel. The proponent will also clean out an 18-inch drainage culvert beneath an adjacent roadway to maintain drainage flow from the excavated area to the larger wetland system on the other side of the roadway.

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.

July 21, 2006

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Comments received:

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