

ENF Environmental Notification Form

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Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
 EOEA No.: 13987
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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: F.W. Webb Warehouse/Distribution Facility		
Street: Lindbergh Ave.		
Municipality: Methuen	Watershed: Merrimack River	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:	Latitude:	Longitude:
Estimated commencement date: 4/07	Estimated completion date: 6/08	
Approximate cost: \$8,500,000.00	Status of project design:	70 %complete
Proponent: F.W. Webb Company c/o Ed Welch		
Street: 180 Olde Canal Drive		
Municipality: Lowell	State: MA	Zip Code: 01851
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: James T. Spaulding, P.E.		
Firm/Agency: The H.L. Turner Group Inc.	Street: 27 Locke Road	
Municipality: Concord	State: NH	Zip Code: 03301
Phone: 603-228-1122	Fax: 603-228-1126	E-mail: jspaulding@hlturner.com

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: See Attachment A

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land | <input type="checkbox"/> Rare Species | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands, Waterways, & Tidelands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Air | <input 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
LAND				<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 (including Legislative Approvals) – Specify: <u>Indirect Highway Access Permit</u>
Total site acreage	21.07			
New acres of land altered		3.5		
Acres of impervious area	1.9 ±	7.9	9.8	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration				
Square feet of new other wetland alteration				
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		0		
STRUCTURES				
Gross square footage	10,700	117,070	127,770	
Number of housing units				
Maximum height (in feet)	20 ±	34		
TRANSPORTATION				
Vehicle trips per day	—	258	258	
Parking spaces	20	87	107	
WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use		3,000	3,000	
GPD water withdrawal				
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment		3,000	3,000	
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)		Water .66 FM .10	.66 .10	

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.*)

See Attached Explanation (B-I.)

Attachment B – Project Description & Impacts and Permits

I. Project Description

Project Site: The site consists of three (3) contiguous parcels of land identified as Map 514/Blk 146/Parcels 22, 22A, & 27 Methuen tax records. Lindberg Avenue is a private street that runs through the property, separating it into two parcels: 9.79 acres on the east side of Lindberg Avenue, and 11.28 acres on the west side of Lindberg Avenue. The property abuts I-93 on the west; additional industrial property on the north and south; residential property on the east and south; and Mystic Pond and City of Methuen property on the north. A utility easement containing electric transmission lines and a 30-inch diameter natural gas pipeline crosses a portion of the northern portion of the property.

The property has been used for many years by a General Contractor as a Contractor's office and yard. As such, it has been heavily impacted. The portion on the westerly side of Lindberg Avenue has been nearly completely disturbed, while slightly less than 50 percent of the easterly portion of the property has been previously impacted.

There are wetland areas on all four sides of the site. The wetland areas on the interior of the site are limited, and the only impact areas for improvements to Lindberg Avenue and for drainage improvements.

See copy of Drawing C1.0 Existing Site Plan attached for additional information.

Proposed Project: F.W. Webb Company is proposing to construct a 127,770 square-foot warehouse, distribution facility, and associated infrastructure on the property (See copies of Drawing C2.0 Overall Site Plan, and C2.1 and C2.2 Enlarged Site Plan(s) attached for additional information of the proposal). The only alternative to this proposal is the "No Build" alternative that would not accomplish the purposes of F.W. Webb Company. A different site could have been selected, but it is difficult to imagine a more suitable site. This site is zoned properly (Industrial); has been heavily impacted by prior industrial activities; is surrounded on two sides by other industrial uses on the west side by I-93; and has a wooded buffer between most of the residential property to the east and south. The proposed project will increase the existing buffer at its narrowest point (See attached copy of Drawings C5.0 and C5.1 Planting Plan(s)).

II. Impacts and Permits

A. Additional Explanation: The existing "other altered areas" consists of areas of the property that were graded nearly level to accommodate the operation of the former use. These areas are mostly bare soil, graded nearly level. The proposed "other altered areas" will consist mainly of landscape or open space areas of the proposed project.