

August 15, 2005

Ms. Dorothy Blickens
MADEP – Southeast Regional Office
20 Riverside Drive
Lakeville, MA 02347

Re:*DEP Site Walk - WQC Review Issues*
McCoy Field – Wetlands Restoration Project
BETA Project No.: 2685

Dear Ms. Blickens:

This letter addresses review comments presented during the August 3, 2005 Site walk related to the *Water Quality Certification dated June 20, 2005*, for the remediation of the wetlands at the above-referenced location, submitted by BETA Group, Inc. on behalf of the City of New Bedford. The purpose of this letter is to respond to your comments.

Comment #1 – Copy of the WQC Notification

The notice was published in the Standard Times on June 21, 2005. A copy was emailed to you on August 3, 2005.

Comment #2 – Biobarrier Details

A copy of the manufacturer's Application Manual is included in this submittal. Also, we have enclosed a copy of the Technical Specification Section 02265 that is to be included in the bidding documents for the Wetlands Restoration Project.

Comment #3 – Comprehensive Site Plan

The following items have been indicated on two plans labeled "Wetland Remediation Area A (South)" & "Wetland Remediation Areas B & C (North)". Originally, one plan was submitted. Due to the large amount of information provided, this plan was split into a north and south plan so as to more clearly convey all pertinent information. Supplemental information added to the plans includes:

- Depiction of wetland areas filled and replicated during Phase I (embankment) construction activities;
- Locations of construction staging area for the Wetlands Remediation project;
- Locations of all access points to wetland areas to be remediated;
- Locations for the frac tank, infiltration basin, and temporary soil storage areas;
- Details of the temporary soil storage area; and
- Locations of "temporary" and "permanent" wetland impact areas under the upcoming wetlands remediation project.

Comment #4 – Organic Content of Soil to Restore Disturbed Wetlands

The organic content will be at least 12% and testing procedures for certification of organic content and that the material is weed and contaminant free has been included in Wetlands Restoration Technical Specification 02265. A copy is enclosed herewith for reference.

Comment #5 – Tree Diameter Consistency

All references to the minimum diameter (DBH) of trees to remain (6-inch) have been updated for consistency.

Comment #6 – Timing of Plantings

Depending upon the weather, wetlands plantings may need to be delayed until sometime next year when conditions are more favorable. The decision will be made by the Local Conservation Agent for the City of New Bedford, Sarah Porter.

Comment #7 – Work Completion Provisions

BETA has included a plan of existing grades on the Wetlands Restoration Plan that will be included in the Contract Drawings. The Remediation Contractor will be required to provide a record drawing of all post-remediation grades.

BETA will be responsible for providing photographs of pre-remediation, daily progress and final site conditions for the project.

Comment #8 – Plantings (most upgradient wetland area)

If warranted by site conditions (i.e. canopy, flooding, etc.) adjustments to plantings proposed on the Plantings Plan may be determined in field, subject to approval by the Conservation Agent.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this supplemental submission, please call me.

Sincerely,
BETA GROUP, INC.



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Associate

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