

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WETLANDS PROGRAM
Notice of Wetlands Variance Application pursuant to
M. G. L. Chapter 131 Section 40**

Applicant: Edward DeWitt, New Bedford Regional Airport Commission
**Project Location: New Bedford Regional Airport, 1569 Airport Road,
New Bedford, Massachusetts**
Scheduled Public Hearing: Friday, November 20, 2009, 1:00 PM
Public Comments Deadline: Friday, December 4, 2009

Public notice is hereby given of the Wetlands Variance application by Edward DeWitt of the City of New Bedford Airport Commission on behalf of the New Bedford Regional Airport. The City of New Bedford Airport Commission is proposing to construct the following safety improvements at the New Bedford Regional Airport: (1) reconstruct each end of Runway 5-23; (2) construct a 1,000-foot long, 40-foot wide Runway Safety Area at each end; (3) addressing vegetative obstructions to navigable airspace; (4) relocating or replacing approach lighting systems; (5) installation of new perimeter safety fence; (6) construction of a drainage system to control and treat Stormwater; and (7) construction of compensatory wetland and flood storage areas. The project will result in permanent impact to: (1) 7.33 acres of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW); (2) 7,652 cubic feet of Bordering land Subject to Flooding; and (3) 770 linear feet of Bank; (4) approximately 190 acres of BVW for airport vegetation management; and (5) 33 acres of Riverfront Area of the Paskamanset River for vegetation management for the Runway Safety Improvements.

The Department of Environmental Protection, Wetlands Program, will conduct a public hearing on the aforesaid project proposal on Friday, November 20, 2009 at 1:00 PM at the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's Southeast Regional Office at 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347. The Department will conduct this public hearing in order to receive information to be used in its decision on whether to grant a Wetlands Variance pursuant to 310 CMR 10.05 (10).

The Department will consider all additional written comments on this Wetlands Variance application received by Friday, December 4, 2009 (Public Comments Deadline). Within ten days of the date of issuance of the Commissioner's decision on the variance, any person who submitted comments during the public comment period may, according to the procedures specified in 310 CMR 10.05 (7)(j), request an adjudicatory hearing on the decision.

Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting Edward DeWitt at 508-991-6161 or Fax 508-979-1735. Project plans and documents are available for public viewing on weekdays at the MassDEP Southeast Regional Office Service Center, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville MA 02347.

Written comments must be addressed to: Michael Stroman, MassDEP Wetlands Program, One Winter Street – 5th Floor, Boston MA 02108. Phone (617) 292-5526.

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