

July 30, 2015

John Radcliffe, Chairman
New Bedford Conservation Commission
133 William Street – Rm 304
New Bedford, MA 02740

Re: Emergency Cert Permit Request

To Whom It May Concern,

The Airport, in coordination with the Department of Public Infrastructure (DPI) Arborist, would like to request an Emergency Certification Permit to remove and trim approximately two hundred linear feet of vegetation that has encroached and is overhanging an active fuel farm.

The fuel farm for Colonial Air currently exists on the ramp behind their facility which is immediately abutted by a vegetated area that leads into an existing wetland. Over the past years the growth from the vegetated area has grown so much that it is now encroaching on the fuel farm itself and limbs from the trees in that area are overhanging the tanks. In a recent and routine inspection of the fuel farm facility, Colonial Air was advised that the trees are a significant hazard to safety and should be promptly removed. While the fuel farm is on land currently leased to Colonial Air the vegetated area remains under the control of the Airport.

Upon inspection of the site with the City Arborist the Airport is proposing the following:

- The removal of 15-20 trees in whole; those trees are primarily Red Maple.
- The trimming of approximately 200 linear feet of vegetation including removal of invasive brush, most of which is Multiflora Rose.
- An effort to reestablish and save the riparian zone by leaving all existing Atlantic White Cedars in place.

The work will be spanned over a two day period and will occur in the month of August; exact dates will be determined as schedules permit. Additionally, all of the work will be directly overseen by the City Arborist and performed by DPI and Airport personnel.

Respectfully,



Erick D'Leon
Airport Manager

Cc: Michelle Paul, Environmental Stewardship Director
Sarah Porter, Conservation Agent
Ronald Labelle, Commissioner of Public Infrastructure
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July 20, 2015

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**RE: Vegetation at Tank Farm
Colonial Air**

Dear Mr. Cunningham:

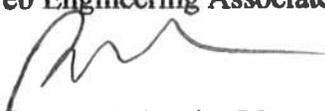
As you are aware, Web Engineering Associates, Inc. performs third party tank inspections at the Colonial Air tank farm in accordance with Massachusetts State Fire Marshal requirements. This letter is written in regard to the trees and vegetation in the vicinity of the tank farm.

Aboveground storage tanks are generally safe, as long as the presence of ignitable materials such as wood, leaves, branches, vegetation, etc. are kept a safe distance from tanks. The presence of these materials in close proximity to aboveground storage tanks containing petroleum products may result in the spreading of a fire to or from the tanks, as well as hamper fire fighter response activities.

Therefore, Web Engineering Associates recommends that all ignitable materials, including branches, leaves, vegetation, etc. be cleared within 20 to 30 feet of the tanks in order to provide adequate isolation around the tanks, as well as facilitate fire fighting activities.

If you have any questions, please call.

Very truly yours,
Web Engineering Associates, Inc.



Robert P. Coluccio, PE
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