

Good afternoon,

My name is Ed Braczyk. I'm the Air Quality Permit Chief for the MassDEP Northeast Regional Office (NERO). I am reaching out to you and/or your municipal government and the residents of the Westford/Chelmsford area to provide some information regarding an application Newport Materials has submitted to MassDEP for review and approval to for the existing quarry and rock crushing activities at the Newport Materials Quarry/Facility located at 100 Chelmsford Street in Lowell.

Over the past few years, MassDEP has enhanced transparency of environmental permitting in the Commonwealth. The Department has established an online permitting process that allows project proponents to submit applications to MassDEP electronically, thereby providing the opportunity to the general public to view the details of the applications submitted to MassDEP for review and approval. The Department has also required, by regulation, a public comment period for the public to review proposed permits before the permits are finalized. To further enhance the transparency of the permitting activities within Massachusetts, MassDEP is reaching out to the Environmental Justice coordinators, such as yourself, to provide environmental project summaries, Public Involvement Plans, or Fact Sheets, in English with a translated version reflective of the needs of the affected community.

Attached is a copy of a Fact Sheet describing the current project.

MassDEP's NERO Air Quality (AQ) group diligently reviews new or modified projects to minimize pollutant emissions and works ultimately to improve the air quality in Massachusetts. The NERO AQ group is committed to permitting facilities with low emission limits representing Best Available Control Technology (BACT). BACT is an emission limit, not a specific technology.

When facilities do not comply with their permits and/or the regulations, MassDEP enforces the permits and regulations, by requiring facilities to return to compliance through various enforcement mechanisms.

After reading the Fact Sheet, should you wish to discuss, please contact [Mollye.Malone@mass.gov](mailto:Mollye.Malone@mass.gov).

Please confirm that you received this email.

Regards,

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