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*VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL*

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Ms. Dori Vecchio  
Town Administrator  
15 St. Paul Street  
Blackstone, MA 01504

Dear Ms. Vecchio:

I would like to thank you and your colleagues for taking the time to speak with representatives of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) on July 6, 2022, regarding the Town of Blackstone's Recycling Center and Landfill located on Chestnut Street in Blackstone, Massachusetts.

The following is a summary of the town's action items based on our discussion:

Blackstone Recycling Center:

**Litter Management Plan:** The town will submit a litter management plan to MassDEP describing the procedures that will prevent litter generation (e.g. staffing, daily litter inspections/pick-up, use of closed containers and storage of all recyclables indoors) along with a site plan/sketch depicting the location of the roll-off containers and storage buildings. Please submit your litter management plan by July 29, 2022 via email to Jim McQuade, Solid Waste Section Chief, at [james.mcquade@mass.gov](mailto:james.mcquade@mass.gov).

**Outdoor Paper Bales:** The town will submit a report to MassDEP detailing the number and location of all paper bales currently stored outdoors including any located on the slope leading down from the yard waste / stump collection area. This report shall also include a schedule for removal and proper recycling/disposal of all the paper bales including the name and contact information of the hauler(s) and final solid waste facility accepting the paper bales. We understand that your schedule for removing all the paper bales will likely require a bidding

This information is available in alternate format. Contact Glynis Bugg at 617-348-4040.

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process as well as funding authorization from a special Town Meeting in Fall 2022, and I recommend you submit your report to MassDEP after you have secured any necessary preliminary estimates for bale removal and recycling/disposal. As we discussed in our meeting, note that any final disposal facility will need a Waste Ban Waiver from 017(5) from MassDEP for disposal of recyclable paper. In addition, your outdoor paper bale report shall state the Town of Blackstone's commitment to store all future paper bales indoors. Please submit your outdoor paper bale report by August 11, 2022 via email to Jim McQuade at [james.mcquade@mass.gov](mailto:james.mcquade@mass.gov).

**Conservation Commission Authorizations:** Effective immediately (and going forward), the town will seek and obtain written authorization from the Blackstone Conservation Commission in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act MGL Ch. 131 S. 40 and its regulations at 310 CMR 10.00 prior to conducting activities within the wetland resource areas at the site. This includes activities associated with operation and maintenance of the recycling center such as lowering the water level and excavating materials out of the adjacent bordering vegetated wetlands resource area. The town shall also implement best management practices at the recycle center to prevent unauthorized alterations to the adjacent wetland resource areas from litter and earth moving activities.

#### Chestnut Street Landfill:

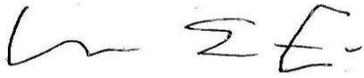
**Third-Party Inspection:** The town will have the landfill inspected by a MassDEP Certified Third-Party Inspector (TPI) in accordance with MassDEP's solid waste regulations at 310 CMR 19.018 by July 29, 2022. I understand from Ms. Strapponi's email on July 7, 2022, that the town has hired a TPI and that the inspection will be conducted by July 17, 2022. Please submit the completed Third-Party Inspection Report along with a corrective action plan and schedule via email to Jim McQuade at [james.mcquade@mass.gov](mailto:james.mcquade@mass.gov) no later than 30 days following the inspection.

**Environmental Monitoring:** Thank you to Ms. Strapponi for providing recent environmental monitoring reports to us via an email on July 6, 2022. Going forward, all groundwater and surface water monitoring must be conducted in accordance with the MassDEP Solid Waste Management regulations for *Environmental Monitoring Requirements* at 310 CMR 19.132, including in accordance with the required laboratory analysis threshold for 1,4-dioxane as articulated in U.S. EPA Method 8260 (0.3 micrograms per liter ORSG). By July 29, 2022, please send an email to Jim McQuade at [james.mcquade@mass.gov](mailto:james.mcquade@mass.gov) with the target sampling date for your next round of environmental monitoring, and in that email please affirm that going forward the town will adhere to the monitoring parameters articulated in 310 CMR 19.132, including the analysis threshold for 1,4-dioxane.

**Corrective Measures involving Wetland Resource Areas:** Corrective measures recommended in the Third-Party Inspection Report that will dredge, fill, remove, or alter wetland resource areas will require written authorization from the Blackstone Conservation Commission in accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act and regulations prior to implementation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 508-767-2757 or [douglas.fine@mass.gov](mailto:douglas.fine@mass.gov). Any wetlands related questions may be directed to [Judith.Schmitz@mass.gov](mailto:Judith.Schmitz@mass.gov) or [Marielle.Stone@mass.gov](mailto:Marielle.Stone@mass.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. E. Fine', with a horizontal line underneath.

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