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| In the Matter | of  |                  |     |
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| Alan Marks.   | Tri | Street Partners. | LLC |

June 18, 2019

OADR Docket No. WET-2018-009 Ashland, MA

## FINAL DECISION

I adopt the Recommended Final Decision ("RFD") of the Presiding Officer.

In issuing this Final Decision adopting the RFD, I reiterate and emphasize one of the RFD's holdings based on precedent established in prior MassDEP Final Decisions during the past six years (since 2013). Specifically, the RFD correctly ruled that MassDEP's Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution ("OADR") has jurisdiction to adjudicate facial challenges to MassDEP's regulations. This ruling follows the rulings in the Final Decisions issued in Matter of SEMASS Partnership, OADR Docket No. 2012-015, Recommended Final Decision (June 18, 2013), adopted by Final Decision (June 24, 2013); Matter of Boston Environmental Corporation, OADR Docket No. 2013-041, Recommended Final Decision (February 10, 2015), adopted by Final Decision (March 19, 2015); and Matter of 104 Stony Brook, Docket No. 2017-021, Recommended Final Decision (May 21, 2018), adopted by Final Decision (July 17, 2018). In this appeal, MassDEP, for reasons not explained by MassDEP in the Administrative Record,

ignored this precedent. In the future, I expect MassDEP to follow the holdings of this appeal and

the prior three Final Decisions discussed above.

The parties to this proceeding are notified of their right to file a motion for

reconsideration of this decision, pursuant to 310 CMR 1.01(14)(d). The motion must be filed

with the Case Administrator and served on all parties within seven business days of the postmark

date of this decision. A person who has the right to seek judicial review may appeal this decision

to the Superior Court pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §14(1). The complaint must be filed in the

Court within thirty days of receipt of this decision.

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## **SERVICE LIST**

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