

Environmental Justice (EJ) Fact Sheet: Joseph's Gourmet Pasta Air Permit Application

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Overview of the Joseph's Gourmet Pasta (JGP)

Joseph's Gourmet Pasta Company-Haverhill (JGP) is a food manufacturing facility specializing in frozen pasta and sauces for both food service and retail customers located in Haverhill, MA. This facility currently holds Air Quality Plan Approval #MRB-07-IND-015 issued in July 2008.

JGP Facility Proposed Project

The Facility is currently responding to the discontinuation of a key ingredient, reduced wine, by one of its suppliers. As a result, the company is evaluating new methods for preparing wine-based sauce/subs in-house, with a focus on minimizing air emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

While efforts are being made to reduce VOCs through optimized cooking methods, there may be a need to resume limited on-site wine reduction processes. This would require JGP to revert to a previously slightly higher VOC emissions limit for their facility.

JGP Air Permit Application

JGP has filed an Air Quality Permit Application with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) for its existing facility. The proposed modification is subject to the Massachusetts Air Pollution Control Regulations (310 CMR 7.00) and must apply for and receive a permit (known as an "Approval") before it can begin construction of the project. MassDEP is currently reviewing the permit application according to the applicable regulations.

Public Participation and Comments

MassDEP is currently reviewing this permit application. If you have questions or would like more information about the permit application or agency review process or would like to be added to the distribution list to be notified when the public comment period on the draft decision begins, please contact the MassDEP personnel listed below.

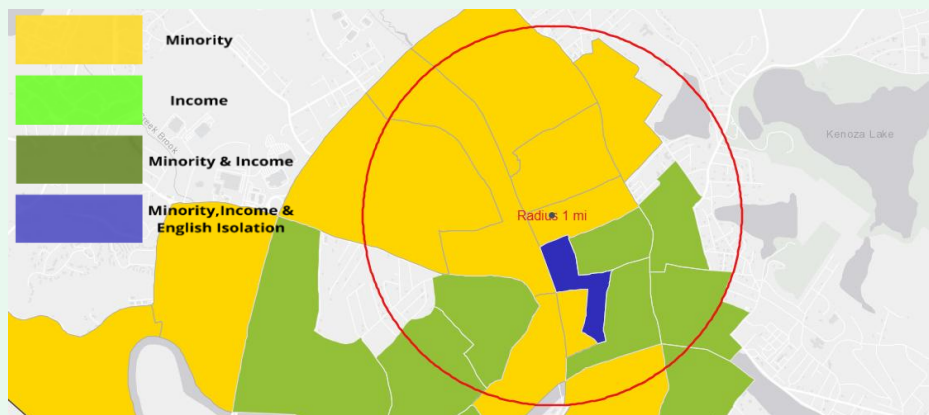
The permit application is currently available for public review via the EEA ePLACE Public Access Portal:

<https://eeasonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/>

On the main EEA ePLACE Portal page, click on the **orange** "Search and/or Comment" button, then on the name of the applicant/facility on the resulting page.

After MassDEP completes its review of the permit application, the agency will issue a proposed decision, subject to a 30-day public comment period. This information will also be posted in the ePLACE Public Access Portal. Any questions or comments related to this Permit application should be directed to Kayla Clarke, Environmental Justice Program Coordinator, 150 Presidential Way, Woburn, MA or via email at Kayla.Clarke@mass.gov.

Environmental Justice (EJ) Community and Population Map



The above MassDEP's EJ Map Viewer image shows the facility location with a red line designating the one-mile radius to the nearby Environmental Justice (EJ) Populations. The EJ populations located within one mile of the facility are based on the EJ criteria for minority, income, and English language isolation.

EJ Communities were located using the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) interactive mapping system: [Environmental Justice Populations in Massachusetts \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com). For more information on EJ, please see the MassDEP EJ Overview Fact Sheet (attached in this email).

Contact information for questions pertaining to EJ involvement:

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