MONOGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FACT SHEET

INTRODUCTION

Monogram Gourmet Foods is installing ten (10) ovens at its facility located at 300 Middlesex Avenue, Medford, Massachusetts (Facility). The Facility is subject to the Massachusetts Air Pollution Control Regulations (310 CMR 7.00) and must apply for an air quality permit Monogram has submitted a non-Major Comprehensive Plan Approval (NMCPA) application.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) will review the permit application according to applicable regulations. After completing its review, the MassDEP will issue a decision to approve or deny the permit application.

Information on how to review the permit application and be notified of the MassDEP's decision can be found at the bottom of this Fact Sheet.

FACILITY INFORMATION

The Monogram Gourmet Foods facility located at 300 Middlesex Avenue, Medford, MA is a food manufacturing plant. The facility plans to bake fold over, roll-up, and croissant sandwiches, which will be distributed to various clients. Ethanol, a Volatile Organic Compound (VOC), will be emitted during the baking process at the Medford Plant.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE HISTORY

The Monogram Gourmet Foods facility in Medford, MA was found non-compliant for failure to obtain a written plan approval from the MassDEP prior to the installation of rack ovens that emit more than one ton of VOCs in February, 2022. The MassDEP issued an Administrative Consent Order with Penalty (ACOP) to the facility, and Monogram agreed to pay the penalty and submit a NMCPA application. The ACOP and submission of the NMCPA application will bring the facility into compliance with the MassDEP.

PROJECT INFORMATION

The proposed emission limits for the Facility are shown in Table 1.

Table 1 - Proposed Emission Limits for VOCs

	Control Device	voc
EU1 – Ten (10) Identical Revent Inc.		
Ovens	NA	15 tons/year

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE POPULATIONS

The Facility is located nearby EJ populations as defined by the State of Massachusetts, including all three criteria in different combinations: minority, language isolation and income criteria. Within the local EJ communities, the following languages are spoken in addition to English: **Arabic, Chinese, French Creole, Haitian Creole, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, and Vietnamese.**

A map of the EJ area within one mile of the Facility is included in Figure 1.

Legend × Malder Distance & Direction - Circle Graphics MA 2020 Environmental Justice Blockgroups Minority: the block group minority population is >= 40%, or the block group minority population is >= 25% and the median household income of the municipality the block group is in is < 150% of the Massachusetts median household income Income: at least 25% of households have a median household income 65% or less than the state median household income Language isolation: 25% or more of households do not include anyone older than 14 who speaks English very well Minority and income Minority and English isolation Everett Income and English isolation Minority, income and English isolation

Figure 1. EJ Populations within 1 Mile

Data from https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massgis-data-2020-us-census-environmental-justice-populations

APPLICATION AND PERMIT INFORMATION

MassDEP is currently reviewing this permit application. If you have questions or would like more information about the permit application or agency review process, please contact the MassDEP personnel listed below.

The permit application is currently available for public review via the EEA ePLACE Public Access Portal: https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/

After MassDEP completes its review of the permit application, the agency will issue a decision. This information will also be posted in the ePLACE Public Access Portal. If you would like to be notified of the decision, please contact Mollye Malone, Environmental Engineer at Mollye.Malone@mass.gov or 978-604-3268.

APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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