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FACT Sheet

Clean Rentals, Inc. Air Plan Approval Application

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This facility is located in an environmental justice population. As part of MassDEP's ongoing efforts to enhance communications and involvement of environmental justice populations this fact sheet has been translated into Portuguese and Cape Verdean.

Facility Information

Clean Rentals, Inc.

355 Church Street, New Bedford

Clean Rentals, Inc, doing business as "Clean Uniforms and More!", operates an existing industrial laundry facility, which processes soiled print towels, furniture towels, shop towels, mats, and uniforms that are received from various customers in New England. Clean Rentals sorts, washes, and dries incoming loads.

Project Information

Clean Rentals entered a Consent Decree with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (Case No. 1:17-cv-10419 dated March 13, 2017). The Consent Decree was the result of an inspection by the EPA, which found that Clean Rentals was operating an existing commercial laundry and emitting volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) without an air permit as required by the Clean Air Act. The Consent Decree limited the facility to emit minor source levels of VOC and required that Clean Rentals obtain an Air Quality Plan Approval from MassDEP. The proposed Plan Approval would establish the Facility as a nonmajor source of emissions and reduce the facility's VOC emissions by at least 85 percent by use of an emission control device.

Clean Rentals Inc. submitted a nonmajor Comprehensive Plan Application to MassDEP, which proposes best available control technology (BACT) for the laundry operations based on use of best management practices and by using an emission control device to capture and control the VOC and organic HAPs emitted from the laundering of soiled print/furniture towels and shop towels. This Facility has been the subject of complaints due to nuisance odor. By controlling emissions, the new permitted system/s will be designed to mitigate nuisance odors.

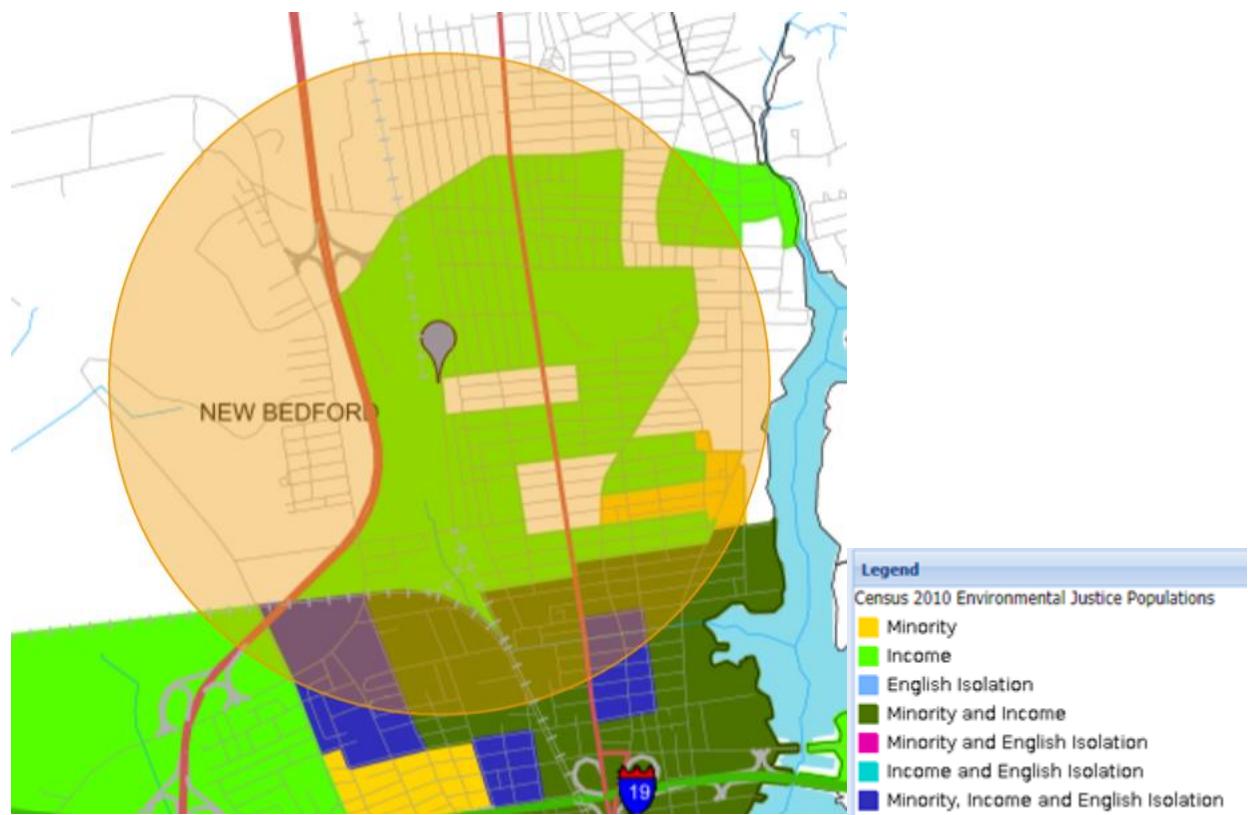
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The emission control device will reduce VOC emissions by combustion. The by-products of combustion (oxides of nitrogen (NO_x), carbon monoxide (CO), and particulate matter (PM)) will have associated emission limits in the permit.

Environmental Justice Populations

Based on the use the Massachusetts Environmental Justice Viewer (http://maps.massgis.state.ma.us/map_ol/ej.php), MassDEP identified several environmental justice populations within a one-mile radius of the Clean Rentals, Inc. facility. These environmental justice populations are based on income (light green), minority population (yellow), a combination of minority population and income (dark green) and a combination of minority population, income, and English language isolation (purple).



Public Participation and Comment

MassDEP is currently reviewing the Permit Application from Clean Rentals and welcomes public input in that process. Upon completion of the technical review of the proposed project, MassDEP will issue a proposed decision for 30-day public comment period. Any questions or comments pertaining to the Clean Rentals proposed permit should be directed to Thomas Cushing, Permit Chief, Bureau of Air and Waste at Thomas.Cushing@mass.gov or at 617-413-2314.

The permit application is available for public review in the EEA ePLACE Public Access Portal at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/> (On the main Portal page, click on the orange “Search and/or Comment” button and click on the application with the name of the facility).