

## Crane & Company Inc. Fact Sheet

**Applicant/Site:** Crane & Company Inc. – Pioneer Mill (Parent Company: Crane Currency)  
60 Pioneer Street  
Dalton, MA

### **Background:**

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) has developed a policy to implement a Public Involvement Plan (PIP) which includes enhanced community engagement activities, when certain permits requiring a public comment period are reviewed for projects that are in or near a designated Environmental Justice (EJ) population.

Crane & Company Inc. (Facility) is a paper manufacturer for use by the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing at their Pioneer Mill located at 60 Pioneer Street in Dalton. The paper manufacturing operations require a large amount of process steam. Previously this steam was provided, in part, by three municipal waste combustors (MWCs) located near the Facility at Community Eco Pittsfield, LLC in Pittsfield, MA. The MWCs ceased operations in May of 2022. Subsequently, the Facility has been utilizing a temporary 97.9 million British thermal units per hour (MMBtu/hr) dual fuel-fired (ultra-low sulfur distillate fuel oil and natural gas) boiler to provide steam previously supplied by the MWCs until a permanent unit can be approved and installed.

### **Proposed Project:**

The Facility is proposing to construct and operate a new boiler with a maximum heat input rate of 78.76 MMBtu/hr while firing natural gas and 75.18 MMBtu/hr while firing ULSD with a maximum sulfur content of 0.0015% by weight. The new boiler will be capable of using natural gas as the primary fuel. If natural gas is not available, the boiler will be able to use ULSD. The new boiler will permanently replace the process steam previously supplied by the MWCs located at Community Eco Pittsfield, LLC.

The proposed boiler's construction and operation requires the submission of a Non-Major Comprehensive Plan Application (NMCPA) which must be approved by MassDEP prior to construction. Since an EJ population (at least 25% of households are below the state's medium income threshold) is located within a 1-mile radius of the proposed project, a Public Involvement Plan has been drafted and enhanced outreach is being performed.

The NMCPA will be reviewed by MassDEP staff to determine if the project satisfies the requirements of Best Available Control Technology (BACT). The application states that the emissions from the proposed boiler will meet BACT, which means the emissions will be minimized to the maximum extent consistent with BACT. After verifying the emissions meet BACT, the review will then determine through modeling whether the predicted air quality impacts associated with the operation of the project will comply with applicable National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

After completing its review, MassDEP will issue a proposed decision to approve or deny the plan approval application, and at that time will provide a 30-day public comment period on its proposed decision. Instructions on how to find the online application are included on the back of this fact sheet. Go to the website listed below. It is the link to review all online applications in the state.

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Click on the application for Crane and Co Inc., with the application date (far right column) of 01/03/2023. You will see a list of documents that have been submitted as the application and supporting technical information.