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Re: Weymouth
Class : SM-25
FMF No.: 571926

Dear Mr. Shamla:

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MassDEP"), Bureau of Air and Waste, has reviewed the Addendum submitted on July 24, 2020, and additional information submitted on August 3, 2020, August 5, 2020 and August 7, 2020, to supplement your Non-major Comprehensive Plan Application ("Application"), in accordance with and as directed by the decision in *Town of Weymouth v. Mass. Dep't of Env'tl. Prot.*, 961 F.3d 34 (1st Cir. 2020), *MassDEP Commissioner's Remand Order* (June 12, 2020) and *MassDEP Commissioner's Interlocutory Orders Adopting Presiding Officer's Determination and Proposed Remand* (June 24, 2020).

MassDEP has determined that the information submitted is administratively and technically complete and is in conformance with the Air Pollution Control regulations at 310 CMR 7.00. Based on MassDEP's preliminary review and subject to further evaluation following public comment, MassDEP has determined that an electric motor drive (EMD) does not represent best available control technology (BACT), because 1) an EMD is properly excluded in Step 1 of the Top-Down BACT analysis because it would redefine the source; and 2) even if an EMD were not excluded in Step 1, an EMD is not a cost-effective control under Step 4 of the Top-Down BACT analysis. MassDEP therefore proposes to reaffirm its BACT determination in the Plan Approval Issued on August 26, 2019.

MassDEP notes that the option in 310 CMR 7.02(8)(a)2.a. to propose a level of control from the most recent plan approval or other action issued by MassDEP (Top-Case BACT) in lieu of a Top-Down BACT analysis is not applicable for this project since the original Application


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included a Top-Down BACT Analysis and the Addendum supplements that Top-Down BACT analysis with regard to an EMD, as directed by the First Circuit, the Commissioner and the Presiding Officer.



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