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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Pursuant to Regulation 310 CMR 7.02(3)(h), notice is given of the following Non-Major Plan Application and MassDEP's proposed decision on a Non-Major Plan Application the following Facility:

City/Town:	Chelsea
Facility Name	Global Companies LLC
Applicant	Mr. Thomas Keefe
Location	800 South Street, Waltham, MA, 02563
ePLACE Application No.:	25-AQ02P-0005-APP
Proposed Action	Non-major Comprehensive Plan Application
Purpose:	

On July 29, 2025, MassDEP received a Non-major Comprehensive Plan Approval ("Plan Approval" or "permit") application from Global Companies LLC. ("Permittee") for their facility located at 281 Eastern Ave, Chelsea, MA ("Facility). The Permittee is a bulk terminal capable of handling gasoline and distillate oil products. The Facility was formerly operated by Gulf Oil Limited Partnership and has existed at the current location since 1950 as a bulk gasoline terminal. The currently effective air quality approval for the Facility MBR-06-IND-020 was issued on September 28, 2007.

This Application proposes the following salient changes to emission units (EU) or pollution control devices (PCD):

1. Add six more bottom loading arms on the fuel dispensing rack. Consequently, the daily gasoline throughput limit will change from 2 million gallons per day to 3.84 million gallons per day, and the annual gasoline throughput from 700 million gallons per year to 1.4 billion gallons per year.
2. Install a new vapor recovery unit with a guaranteed emission rate of 1 mg/l (reduction from the currently permitted emission limit of 2 mg/l).
3. Upgrade the backup capture and control system from the current 10 mg/l unit to a 2 mg/l unit.
4. Add new secondary seal systems to three gasoline storage tanks.

Despite the changes in emission units, the improvements in pollution control devices reduced the facility's emissions, the majority of this reduction comes from adding new secondary seals. The Permittee demonstrated that the project does not result in an increase in emissions above the applicable threshold set forth in 310 CMR 7.02(14)(a)4. Accordingly, MassDEP has determined that CIA is not applicable to the project because the Facility is reducing its emissions.

The Application and MassDEP's proposed decision (Plan Approval) are available on the EEA ePLACE Public Access Portal at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/>.^{*} The Application, MassDEP's proposed decision, and the administrative record also are available for inspection at MassDEP's Office at the above letterhead address. Comments on the proposed decision must be submitted in writing by August 5, 2026. Comments may be submitted via the Public Access Portal, via electronic mail to edward.braczyk@mass.gov, or via mail to the letterhead address above.

Failure of a person or group of ten persons to provide written comments on MassDEP's proposed decision shall result in the waiver of any right to request an adjudicatory hearing on MassDEP's decision pursuant to 310 CMR 7.51(1), Rules to Request an Adjudicatory Hearing.

Any person, or group of ten persons, who wants to receive a copy of MassDEP's final decision on the date MassDEP issues the decision to the applicant, must submit a written request via electronic mail or regular mail to:

Edward J. Braczyk

Permit Chief, Bureau of Air and Waste

Email: edward.braczyk@mass.gov

Mail: 150 Presidential Way, Woburn, MA 01801

^{*} On the Main page, click on the orange "Search and/ or Comment" button and click on the application you wish to review or comment on. Search this application by *Site Name* "GLOBAL COMPANIES LLC CHELSEA TERMINAL" or *Record ID* "25-AQ02F-0002-APP".