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Clean Water Act - National Pollutant Discharge Elimination
System ("NPDES")
The Timbers

From: Andrew Spejewski, Enforcement Officer

Thru: Neil Handler, Senior Enforcement Coordinator

To: File

I. Facility Information

- A. Facility Name:* The Timbers
- B. Facility Location:* 1124 South Mammoth Road
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- C. Facility Contacts:* William Socha
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- D. NPDES ID No(s):* NHR1000PB

II. Background Information

- A. Date(s) of inspection:* August 5, 2021
- B. Weather Conditions:* overcast to drizzle
- C. US EPA Representative(s):* Andrew Spejewski
- D. State/Local Representative(s):* none

E. Federally Enforceable Requirements Covered During the Inspection: NPDES General Permit for Discharges from Construction Activities (2017 Construction General Permit)

F. Previous Enforcement Actions: None known

III. Type and Purpose of Inspection

Unannounced evaluation of compliance with the 2017 Construction General Permit

IV. Facility Description

The Timbers is an apartment complex, lying east of S. Mammoth Road in Manchester, NH. The complex is mostly complete and occupied, but at the time of the inspection, the southwestern section of the property was still under construction. The active construction area was around a paved loop of road forming the southwestern part of the site. Construction along the west and south parts of the loop has been completed and the buildings are mostly occupied. The north part of the loop had a large dirt stockpile located north of the loop road. The east part of the loop had two buildings under construction in the south end of this area, and bare dirt surrounding it to the north. Two stormwater basins were in place to the south of the loop. Additionally, a large, cleared area between the loop and S. Mammoth road was being used for staging and construction activities.

The site is fairly flat; the loop area is somewhat above a wetland to the south (and slightly above the terrain to the east); the staging area is lower and only slightly above the wetland elevation.

V. Inspection

A. Opening Conference

Mr. Spejewski arrived unannounced at the site at about 1:15 PM. After asking a site worker for a supervisor, he was directed to Patrick Richelieu. Mr. Spejewski introduced himself, explained the purpose of the inspection, presented his credentials and provided a copy of the Small Business Resources Information Sheet. Mr. Richelieu said that he was the framing supervisor for Socha Companies. Mr. Richelieu said he did not have the SWPPP [stormwater pollution prevention plan] or other information and the owner was on vacation and unreachable. Mr. Richelieu confirmed the owner was Mr. William Socha. Mr. Richelieu gave Mr. Spejewski permission to walk the site unaccompanied. Mr. Spejewski said that if he needed to view the SWPPP he would contact Mr. Socha and noted that an EPA inspection report would be sent to him.

Mr. Spejewski then left to tour the site.

B. Facility Tour

The south edge of the active construction area had two large stormwater retention basins. Both had well-established grass on the inner and outer walls. The eastern basin had an outfall directed to the wetlands to the south; there was no sign of sediment deposits at the outfall. The western basin had no obvious discharge point.

Two buildings were under construction east of the road, with bare lots to the north on both sides of the road. East of the buildings a short slope led down to undisturbed woods. Silt fence was in place along the foot of the slope. In places there was moderate silt eroded and piled against the fence, but no signs of sediment escaping past the fence. In one spot gravel was piled against the fence, and in one spot a large rock had rolled against the fence, straining it and nearly pushing it over.

To the north of the buildings under construction there was a large dirt stockpile. North of the stockpile was a slope up to surrounding undisturbed terrain. The stockpile had heavy vegetation growth, except on the south side adjacent to the road, which was clearly active. There was some dirt tracked onto the paved loop road.

The west and south sides of the loop road had completed buildings. Most of the lawns were well-established grass. One area to the southeast, extending from the front of the building down to the eastern stormwater basin, was open dirt with very new grass growth; some straw matting was also in place.

From the southeast side of the loop road, an unpaved drive led east downhill to an open disturbed area. There was no gravel or other sediment track-out control in place (or, if there had been a gravel entrance, it was now buried under accumulated mud).

A wood mulch berm and silt fence ran south, downhill along side of the unpaved drive.

A wide flat area was at the bottom, extending out to South Mammoth Road. Wetlands were to the south of this area; silt fence or a berm appeared to be in place between the area and the wetlands.

Concrete debris and concrete wash-out was spread out in one area with no apparent containment. In another area, a sign read 'concrete' near a pit filled with concrete wash-out. An entrance between this staging area and South Mammoth Road had a gravel entrance, with only a small amount of dirt accumulated.

C. Records Review

N/A

D. Closing Conference

Mr. Spejewski left the site at about 2:00 PM.

Due to battery failure, photos were taken with the inspector's personal cell phone. Due to inspector error, some photos were originally saved as .HEIF format. These files were converted to .JPEG files for ease of viewing (the original .HEIF files have also been archived).

Picture List:

IMG_20210805_132948.jpg	Southeast basin, facing south
IMG_20210805_132951.jpg	Facing west along south edge of site
IMG_20210805_133017.jpg	Wall of southeast basin
IMG_20210805_133037.jpg	Outlet of southeast basin, facing south
IMG_20210805_133105.jpg	West edge of site, near southernmost foundation
IMG_20210805_133154.jpg	Facing north along west edge of site
IMG_20210805_133233.jpg	Facing west off site
IMG_20210805_133317.jpg	Silt fence, west edge of site
IMG_20210805_133412.jpg	Silt fence, west edge of site near northern end of active area
IMG_20210805_133459.jpg	East end of stockpile, facing north
IMG_20210805_133502.jpg	Facing west along south edge of stockpile
IMG_20210805_133524_HDR.jpg	Operator error, ruined picture
IMG_20210805_133543.jpg	Ruined picture (operator error)
IMG_20210805_133610.jpg	South edge of stockpile
IMG_20210805_133616.jpg	Over south edge of stockpile
IMG_20210805_133622.jpg	South edge of stockpile and paved loop road
IMG_20210805_133928_HDR.jpg	Facing east to loop, from drive to staging area
IMG_20210805_133951_HDR.jpg	Driveway to staging area, south edge
IMG_20210805_134056_HDR.jpg	Staging area, concrete debris
IMG_20210805_134106_HDR.jpg	Facing south over debris in staging area
IMG_20210805_134208_HDR.jpg	Facing north from staging area
IMG_20210805_134212_HDR.jpeg	Silt fence, south edge of staging area
IMG_20210805_134258_HDR.jpeg	Staging area, formal concrete wash-out
IMG_20210805_134325_HDR.jpeg	Berm at staging area, facing west
IMG_20210805_134401_HDR.jpeg	Site entrance to staging area from S. Mammoth Road
IMG_20210805_134619_HDR.jpeg	Lawn with seed, southwest corner of loop
IMG_20210805_134704_HDR.jpeg	Facing south to southwest basin
IMG_20210805_134719_HDR.jpeg	Facing east, from southwest basin to southeast basin
IMG_20210805_134744_HDR.jpeg	Facing east to southeast basin

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