



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 1

5 POST OFFICE SQUARE, SUITE 100
BOSTON, MA 02109-3912

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Subj: Inspection Report
Clean Water Act - National Pollutant Discharge Elimination
System ("NPDES")
68 Elm St. Construction

From: Andrew Spejewski

Thru: Stephanie Tougas

To: File

I. Facility Information

- A. Facility Name:* 68 Elm Street Construction
- B. Facility Location:* 68 Elm Street
Lunenburg, MA 01462
- C. Facility Contacts:* Ron Koivu, President,
Harbor Classic Homes
493 Lancaster Street, Suite 1
Leominster, MA 01453
978-751-8257
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- D. NPDES ID No(s):* None known

II. Background Information

- A. Date(s) of inspection:* December 15, 2020
- B. Weather Conditions:* Clear, temperature about at freezing
- C. US EPA Representative(s):* Andrew Spejewski
- D. State/Local Representative(s):* None
- E. Federally Enforceable Requirements Covered During the Inspection:*
Construction Stormwater General Permit

F. Previous Enforcement Actions: None known

III. Type and Purpose of Inspection

Evaluation of compliance with the EPA Construction General Permit for Stormwater

IV. Facility Description

The site is residential construction, with three houses. The site lies north of Elm St., with a driveway running up the west edge of the site, with three houses to the east of the driveway (in a line north to south). A large field is between Elm St. and the first (southernmost) house.

The site is located on a general slope downward to the west and upward to the east of the site. The east side of the site is below the surrounding terrain, while, at least in the northern part, the west edge slopes down steeply from the drive.

At the time of the inspection all three houses were framed with the roof on and most exterior walls complete. The driveway was unpaved.

V. Inspection

Mr. Spejewski attempted to contact Harbor Classic Homes the day before the inspection (i.e. December 14), leaving a voicemail announcing the inspection and requesting a call back. No reply was received.

Mr. Spejewski arrived at the site at approximately 9:30 AM.

A. Opening Conference

Mr. Spejewski arrived in his personal vehicle and parked on the site. Mr. Spejewski asked a nearby worker where the site superintendent was, and the worker directed him to Mike Koivu, nearby.

Mr. Koivu said that he worked for Harbor Classic Homes and was in charge of the site at the moment. Mr. Spejewski explained the purpose of the inspection and presented his credentials.

Mr. Koivu explained the project. He was unsure of the exact start of earth disturbing but thought it could have been May 2020. He said the site was mostly farm field before the project. Mr. Koivu was unsure of any EPA permits for the site or whether a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan existed. Mr. Koivu provided the name of Ron Koivu, President of Harbor Classic Homes, as a good contact for follow-up.

Mr. Koivu then gave Mr. Spejewski permission to walk the site unaccompanied and to take pictures, and Mr. Spejewski left on a tour.

B. Facility Tour

The field between the first house and Elm St. was flat and cleared of trees. There was very thin snow cover concealing the ground, but it appeared to be chiefly dirt and rocks. The field lay at or slightly below the terrain to the east (a line of trees and another field) and west (a farmhouse and small barn). The field was just slightly below Elm St. in most areas.

An unpaved driveway led north from Elm St. along the west side of the field, continuing west of the three houses. The area between and behind (east of) the houses was a mix of wooded and small cleared areas around the houses, generally below the terrain to the east.

To the north of the last house, the site was bordered by woods, at or above the level of the site.

In the northern half of the site, the driveway was on top of a steep constructed slope approximately 15 feet high, leading down to the west. To the west was woods, with a possible wetland visible farther west.

Several stockpiles were located around the site. There was no obvious sign of stabilization on the slopes, however there were no gulleys, weed growth or other signs that the stockpiles had been undisturbed for long periods.

At the entrance to the site, the beginning of the road was rock and gravel, however, sections of the rock were now covered with mud and dirt.

C. Records Review

No records were produced or reviewed.

D. Closing Conference

Mr. Spejewski returned to Mr. Koivu and mentioned the need to repair the site entrance. Mr. Koivu said they were already attempting to address it. Mr. Spejewski noted that the site was below the surrounding terrain in most places, but some control could be installed at the foot of the slope west of the driveway. Mr. Koivu said they had mulched the slope with wood grindings.

Mr. Spejewski then thanked Mr. Koivu for his time and left the site at about 10:30 AM.

Picture List:

[Note: Camera was set to Eastern Daylight Savings Time, while local time is currently Eastern Standard, therefore timestamps on the picture files are one hour later than the actual time taken]

IMG_2167.JPG Facing north up driveway, west of southernmost house

IMG_2168.JPG	Facing north up driveway, near center house
IMG_2169.JPG	Facing NE over third house
IMG_2170.JPG	Rear (east) of third house, facing north
IMG_2171.JPG	Facing west across north edge of site
IMG_2172.JPG	Stockpile at north edge of site
IMG_2173.JPG	Facing south along drive, near third house
IMG_2174.JPG	Facing west off site from drive
IMG_2175.JPG	Site entrance, facing onto Elm St.
IMG_2176.JPG	Site entrance, facing into site from Elm St.
IMG_2177.JPG	South edge of site, along Elm St.
IMG_2178.JPG	Facing north into site from entrance

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