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Subj: Inspection Report
Clean Water Act - National Pollutant Discharge Elimination
System ("NPDES")
90 Depot Road Clearing

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I. Facility Information

- A. *Facility Name:* 90 Depot Road Clearing
- B. *Facility Location:* 90 Depot Road, Hampstead, NH 03841
- C. *Facility Contacts:* John Mason, Operator
6035539677, maisonbellellc@gmail.com
- D. *NPDES ID No(s):* NA, unpermitted

II. Background Information

- A. *Date(s) of inspection:* August 30, 2023
- B. *Weather Conditions:* 68°, light showers and cloudy
- C. *US EPA Representative(s):*
Damian Bednarz
- D. *State/Local Representative(s):*
NA
- E. *Federally Enforceable Requirements Covered During the Inspection:*
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Construction General Permit (CGP)
(Effective February 17, 2022)
- F. *Previous Enforcement Actions:*
None known

III. Type and Purpose of Inspection

Reconnaissance without Sampling

IV. Facility Description

The site at 90 Depot Road in Hampstead, NH (the “Site”), is a tree clearing of approximately 4 acres. According to the town of Hampstead’s Planning Board, this clearing has occurred in preparation of the construction of multiple residential duplexes.

V. Inspection

This reconnaissance was prompted via anonymous citizen tip.

I arrived at the site at approximately 1:15 PM. Parking on the shoulder of Depot Road, all observations found in this report and in the attached photo log were made from the public roadway. No operations or construction was occurring at the time of this visit, and no Site representatives were present. I did not observe any stormwater controls on site.

I observed a recently cut section of the forest, with numerous stumps left intact (slides 5-7). I saw one stump that was taken out of the ground (slide 8). No log piles were observed from the roadway, and several tire tracks were evident at the entrance of the site (slide 2). The significant depth of the tracks indicated that heavy machinery was present during the tree cutting project.

Earlier in the day a significant downpour affected this area of New Hampshire. As a result, the Site featured many areas of pooling (slides 2-4), especially in areas where the deep tracks were present in the soil.

Accumulated stormwater was observed to be leaving the Site towards the west along Depot Road (slide 9-13). Flow was observed within 5 feet of Depot Road in street ditch lines and culverts. This flow continued for about 400 feet until I reached a fire pond (slides 14-16). I did not observe flow originating from the Site into the fire pond.

I departed at approximately 2:00 PM.

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