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Clean Water Act - National Pollutant Discharge Elimination
System ("NPDES")
Galaxy Construction

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I. Facility Information

- A. *Facility Name:* Galaxy Construction
- B. *Facility Location:* Lot 3B Hospital Drive
Worcester, MA 01605
- C. *Facility Contacts:* Michael O'Brien
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- D. *NPDES ID No(s):* MAR1002YH

II. Background Information

- A. *Date(s) of inspection:* 26 May 2022
- B. *Weather Conditions:* Clear, dry
- C. *US EPA Representative(s):* Andrew Spejewski
- D. *State/Local Representative(s):* Eric Flint, Worcester Conservation Agent
- E. *Federally Enforceable Requirements Covered During the Inspection:*
EPA construction stormwater general permit

F. Previous Enforcement Actions:
No federal actions known

III. Type and Purpose of Inspection

Reconnaissance without Sampling

IV. Facility Description

The facility is a construction site, apparently for a large commercial building. As the area is being redeveloped and streets rebuilt, streets and names may be somewhat in flux. Using street names given by Google Maps as of this date, the site is located west and south of Hospital Drive, north of Dorista Goldberry Drive, and west of Clocktower Drive.

The terrain slopes generally down to the south and slightly down off the site to the east, and mostly up off the site to the west and north.

At the time of the inspection a foundation was in place in the center of the site, and three steel beams on the foundation, but no other structure. A small basin was in place in the southwest corner of the site.

No personnel were present, and it did not appear that work was being actively performed.

V. Inspection

The inspection was performed as a reconnaissance inspection; the inspector did not contact site personnel or enter the site. All observations were made from public roads or during a separate inspection of the road reconstruction project adjacent to the site.

Mr. Spejewski and Mr. Flint arrived at the site at 1:00 PM. They walked around the south and east sides of the site on the public road, observing the site.

After this reconnaissance of the Galaxy site, Mr. Spejewski and Mr. Flint then performed a separate inspection of the City road reconstruction to the north and west of the site. From that project, they observed the Galaxy site and took one picture of the Galaxy site. That picture was taken after several pictures were taken of the road project, leading to a gap in picture numbering for this inspection.

A. Observations

The site was surrounded by chain-link fence. The center of the site was a large flat area, with concrete walls (apparently a foundation) surrounding it. Inside the walls appeared to be bare dirt with many round concrete pads installed. Three vertical steel beams were installed at one end of this area. West of this foundation was some apparently pre-existing pavement (with old, faded parking lines painted) and a foundation, parking/staging area of new asphalt.

Most of the remaining western end of the site was unstabilized bare dirt. A small basin with standing water was in the southwest corner. Erosion gullies a couple inches deep led into the basin.

The south border of the site was a slope down (about 10-15 yards) to the pre-existing paved road. The slope was well grassed. Silt fence was in place along the foot of the slope, just before the curb of the road. In the center of the south edge was a round concrete structure; rip-rap was in place between the structure and the road.

A catchbasin was in the road just below the rip-rap area. A silt sack was in the catchbasin's grate, but did not block the opening in the curb above the grate which also led into the catchbasin [see picture 2666]. The silt sack was showing signs of wear.

The eastern end of the site was mostly bare dirt without any visible stabilization. There was scattered weed growth, but not enough to stabilize the soil.

The southeast corner, which sloped down to the road in both directions, was covered with rip-rap stone.

The east side of the site was a slope down to the road, about two yards high. It was mostly unstabilized. A line of silt fence was in place at the foot of the slope.

The northern edge of the site sloped up to the north. A row of trees and grass was along this edge of the site.

Picture List:

IMG_2662.JPG	Facing east over basin in southwest corner of site
IMG_2663.JPG	Facing north along west edge of site
IMG_2664.JPG	Facing east along south edge of site, from southeast corner
IMG_2665.JPG	center of south edge of site
IMG_2666.JPG	Close up, center of south edge
IMG_2667.JPG	Facing north, center of south edge of site
IMG_2668.JPG	Facing north over mid-east section of site
IMG_2669.JPG	Southwest corner of site
IMG_2670.JPG	southwest area of site
IMG_2671.JPG	Facing north along west edge of site
IMG_2672.JPG	Facing west and north from west edge of site
IMG_2673.JPG	Facing west, from west edge of site
IMG_2674.JPG	northeast section of site
IMG_2675.JPG	facing west along north edge of site
[Pictures 2676 – 2780 were of an adjacent site; see note above]	
IMG_2681.JPG	Overlooking site from northwest

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