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Rebecca Tepper, Secretary
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Subject: EOEEA #16654 – Environmental Notification Form
L.G. Hanscom Field North Airfield Development, Bedford, MA

Dear Secretary Tepper,

The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Environmental Notification Form (ENF) submitted by Runway Realty Ventures, LLC and North Airfield Ventures, LLC (together the “Proponent”) for L.G. Hanscom Field North Airfield Development (the “Project”) in Bedford, Massachusetts. The Project site encompasses two parcels totally approximately 47 acres. The Project involves development 27 purpose-built hangers for aircraft parking and storage on-airport.

Wastewater

The ENF reports that the Project will generate approximately 12,150 gallons per day of new wastewater flow. The Town of Bedford sewer system ties into the Town of Lexington sewer system that conveys flows to MWRA’s Millbrook Valley Relief Sewer, which in turn transports the flows to MWRA’s North Metropolitan Sewer, Chelsea Creek Headworks, and ultimately the Deer Island Wastewater Treatment Plant. Sections of the MWRA system can surcharge and overflow in large storms, due to high levels of infiltration and inflow that enter tributary community systems, as well as stormwater contributions from combined sewer communities. To ensure that the Project’s new wastewater flow does not increase surcharging or overflows in large storms, the Proponent should fully offset new flows to the sewer system with infiltration/inflow (I/I) removal from a hydraulically related sewer system(s) on the property or owned by the Town of Bedford.

TRAC Permitting

MWRA prohibits the discharge of groundwater and stormwater into the sanitary sewer system, pursuant to 360 C.M.R. 10.023(1) except in a combined sewer area when permitted by the Authority and the local community. The Project site has access to separate sewer and storm drain systems. Therefore, the discharge of groundwater or stormwater to the sanitary sewer system associated with this Project is prohibited.

The Proponent currently holds a Sewer Use Discharge Permit and should continue to adhere to this permit. If the Project will change current operations and/or discharge(s) such as adding and/or increasing its daily wastewater discharge flow, the Proponent must provide at least 30 days advance written notification to Susan Viera, Industrial Coordinator, in the TRAC Department at (617) 305-5669 or Susan.Viera@mwra.com. This notification is required prior to any action which may substantially change the volume or nature of discharge, including an addition and/or increase of daily discharge flow or character of pollutants in discharge, from any compliance measurement location or any sewer connection. The Proponent should also contact Susan Viera if a new MWRA Sewer Use Discharge Permit is required for the Project.

Any gas/oil separators in parking garages associated with the project must comply with 360 C.M.R. 10.016 and State Plumbing Code. The installation of the proposed gas/oil separators may not be back filled until inspected and approved by the MWRA and the Local Plumbing Inspector. For assistance in obtaining an inspection the Proponent should contact Michael J. Quercio, Source Coordinator, at (617) 305-5645 or Michael.Quercio@mwra.com.

On behalf of the MWRA, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this Project. Please do not hesitate to contact Katie Ronan of my staff at (857) 289-1742 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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cc: John Viola, MassDEP