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RE: South Coast Renewables, LLC
Proposed Solid Waste Handling and Transfer Facility
100 Duchaine Boulevard
New Bedford, MA 02745

MassDEP Listening Session

Scope: Updated Traffic Impact Information in response to MassDEP's July 10, 2024,
Request for Information

Date and Time: November 13, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Location: Pulaski Elementary School, 1097 Braley Road, New Bedford, MA 02745

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MassDEP") is writing in response to the July 29, 2024 letter from South Coast Neighbors United and the Conservation Law Foundation requesting that MassDEP hold a Listening Session and accept additional comments related to South Coast Renewables, LLC's site suitability application (the "Application") for a proposed solid waste handling facility. Letters from State Representative Markey and New Bedford Mayor Mitchell also supported additional opportunities for public involvement in this phase of the project's review.

As background, and as it relates to concerns raised by stakeholders relative to potential traffic impacts from the proposed facility, on March 7, 2024, South Coast Neighbors United submitted to MassDEP a traffic analysis conducted by Bayside Engineering (the "Bayside Report"). On May 15, 2024, MassDEP requested that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) review South Coast Renewables' previously submitted traffic analysis and related material as well as the Bayside Report. On June 6, 2024, MassDOT submitted its response to MassDEP. On July 10, 2024, MassDEP sent a Request for Information letter to South Coast Renewables requesting that it respond to both the MassDOT response and the Bayside Report. On September 11, 2024, South Coast Renewables responded in writing to MassDEP's July 10, 2024, letter (the "SCR Response").

Since the above-referenced responses to questions raised regarding potential traffic impacts were received after closure of the initial Public Comment Period on the Application, and in response to the requests from the South Coast Neighbors

United/Conservation Law Foundation and others, MassDEP will offer the following additional opportunities for public input to inform its determination on the Application:

- A Listening Session to receive comments on the SCR Response and related traffic issues. This session will be held on November 13, 2024 at the Pulaski Elementary School at 1097 Braley Road, New Bedford, MA. MassDEP will have Spanish, Portuguese, and Cape Verdean Creole translation services at the Listening Session.
- Written comments on the SCR Response and related traffic issues will be accepted until December 4, 2024. Comments may be submitted by:

1. VIA U.S. MAIL: to

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
20 Riverside Drive
Lakeville, MA 02347
Attn: Mark Dakers

2. VIA EMAIL: to “sero.solidwaste@mass.gov”; or

3. ONLINE: at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/>. *see instructions below

***Online Instructions**

1. Visit <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/> .
2. Scroll down on the first screen and click on the orange button that says “Search and/or Comment.”
3. *If the Public Comment Period is open, you will see “South Coast Renewables” listed under records found. Select the “South Coast Renewables” record.*
4. Fill out the required fields and your comment and click on the orange “Submit” button.