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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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October 30, 2008

Francis L. Jacques, Power of Attorney for
Therese Jacques
158 Cider Mill Road
North Smithfield, RI 02896

RE: Application No.08-0296- in reference to property located:

Approximately 700 feet west of Cider Mill Road at House No. 158 and approximately 850 feet west/southwest of its intersection with Quaker Highway (Route 146A), Assessor's Plat 1, Lot 319, North Smithfield, RI.

Dear Mr. Jacques:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program ("Program") has completed its review of your **Request to verify the delineated edge of freshwater wetlands**. This review included an inspection of the above referenced property ("subject property") as described by the site plans submitted with your application and received on October 28, 2008.

Based upon the Program's observations and review, it is our determination that freshwater wetlands are present on or are in close proximity to the subject property. These freshwater wetlands are regulated by this Program and include at least the following types:

- Swamp and 50-foot Perimeter Wetland
- Stream, 100-foot Riverbank Wetland and Floodplain

The DEM has completed an inspection and review of the wetland edges delineated by you **on-site**. It is our determination that the wetland edges delineated on-site are accurate. These wetland edges have been shown on the site plan submitted with your application and are referenced as wetland flags WF A1 through WFA11, WF B18 through B21, which connects to B25 and B25 through B32. Off-site flags, i.e. Flags WF B1 through WF B17 have not been verified; however, appear generally acceptable where spot-checked. Please note that at least 100-foot riverbank wetland and 50-foot perimeter wetland associated with offsite wetlands encroach onto the subject site near the southern property boundary.

Please note that you should not infer that any verification of wetland edges carried out by this Department to date represents a determination that this is the extent of all wetlands on your property. **The Department has verified only those edges delineated and shown by you on-site and on site plans submitted with your application and as qualified in this letter.** Should you wish to verify the edge of any additional wetlands, a new application will be required.

This letter does not constitute an approval or permit for any proposed project on the subject property. Pursuant to Section 2-1-21(a) of the Freshwater Wetlands Act and the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act (Rules) a permit is required from this Program prior to the commencement of any activity which impacts or alters freshwater wetlands.

This Program assumes that the edges of freshwater wetlands, as flagged or marked on site, have been accurately surveyed and portrayed on site plans submitted in support of your application. This Program makes no guarantee or representation that such survey is accurate.

In addition, you should note that freshwater wetlands are present on this property that may be regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended 33 U.S.C. 1344). Accordingly, a permit may be required from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for alteration of these wetland areas.

In accordance with Rule 8.03(H) of the Rules, this verification of the delineated edge of freshwater wetlands is valid for a limited period of four (4) years from the date of issue.

Please contact me (401-222-6820, ext. 7408) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Nancy L. Freeman

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