



RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES  
235 Promenade Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

October 21, 2020

Q Tech, LLC  
Craig Haddad, Gen. Mgr.  
800 Central Street  
North Smithfield, RI 02896

**Insignificant Alteration – Permit**

**RE:** Wetlands Application No. 20-0225 in reference to the property and proposed project located:

Approximately 600 feet west of Central Street, approximately 1,200 feet north of the intersection of Central Street and Quaker Highway, Assessor's Plat 1, Lot 17, North Smithfield, RI.

Dear Mr. Haddad:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program ("Program") has completed its review of your **Request for Preliminary Determination** application. This review included a site inspection of the above referenced property ("subject property") and an evaluation of the proposed temporary access to allow for utilization of a crane to install an air pollution control system as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received by the DEM on October 7, 2020.

Our observations of the subject property, review of the site plans and evaluation of the proposed project reveals that alterations of freshwater wetlands are proposed. However, pursuant to 250-RICR-150-15-1.9 of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Fresh Water Wetlands Act, 250-RICR-150-15-1, this project may be permitted as an **insignificant alteration** to freshwater wetlands under the following terms and conditions:

Terms and Conditions for Wetlands Application No. 20-0225:

1. This letter is the DEM's permit for this project under the R.I. Fresh Water Wetlands Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 2-1-18 et seq.
2. This permit is specifically limited to the project, site alterations and limits of disturbance as detailed on the site plans submitted with your application and received by the DEM on October 7, 2020. A copy of the site plans stamped approved by the DEM is enclosed. Changes or revisions to the project that would alter freshwater wetlands are not authorized without a permit from the DEM.
3. Where the terms and conditions of the permit conflict with the approved site plans, these terms and conditions shall be deemed to supersede the site plans.
4. You must notify this Program in writing immediately prior to the commencement of site alterations and again upon completion of the project.

5. A copy of the stamped approved site plans and a copy of this permit must be kept at the site at all times during site preparation, construction, and final stabilization. Copies of this permit and the stamped approved plans must be made available for review by any DEM or town representative upon request.
6. Within ten (10) days of the receipt of this permit, you must record this permit in the land evidence records of the Town of North Smithfield and supply this Program with written documentation obtained from the Town showing this permit was recorded.
7. The effective date of this permit is the date this letter was issued. This permit expires four (4) years from the date of this letter unless renewed pursuant to the Rules.
8. Any material utilized in this project must be clean and free of matter that could pollute any freshwater wetland.
9. Prior to commencement of site alterations, you shall erect or post a sign resistant to the weather and at least twelve (12) inches wide and eighteen (18) inches long, which boldly identifies the initials "DEM" and the application number of this permit. This sign must be maintained at the site in a conspicuous location until such time that the project is complete.
10. To prevent any potential erosion from entering the water course, temporary erosion and sediment controls shall be properly installed at the site prior to or commensurate with site alterations. Such controls shall be properly maintained, replaced, supplemented, or modified as necessary throughout the life of this project to minimize soil erosion and to prevent sediment from being deposited in any wetlands not subject to disturbance under this permit.
11. Upon removal of the temporary gravel placed to support the timber matting and permanent stabilization of all disturbed soils, temporary erosion and/or sediment controls consisting of hay bales and/or silt fence must be removed.
12. You are obligated to install, utilize and follow all best management practices detailed or described on the approved site plans and narrative accompanying your application in the construction of the project to minimize or prevent adverse impacts to any adjacent freshwater wetlands and the functions and values provided by such wetlands.
13. All plantings of shrubs, trees or other forms of vegetation as shown or detailed on the approved plans, or detailed in this permit, must be installed as soon as possible after completion of final grading; weather and season permitting.
14. Any removal of woody vegetation, if necessary to accommodate the timber matting or crane, must be replaced in-kind to effectively restore the area disturbed by this activity. Such replacement vegetation must be no less than 5 foot tall after planting.
15. All construction activities involving soil disturbances within watercourses must be limited to a period of low to no flow within the actual channel. Soil disturbance in this watercourse must temporarily cease in the event of any abnormally high stormwater runoff event.

16. It is expected per the narrative accompanying this application that the proposed work can be completed within 10 days of starting. Please ensure that the site is restored as noted above if at all possible, prior to the end of this year to allow for permanent site stabilization/revegetation. If the site can not be permanently stabilized/revegetated this year, you must install a thick mat of loose straw or a jute mesh ground cover over all disturbed areas in wetland jurisdiction to ensure there is no sediment transport into the water course and conveyed downstream or into any other wetland areas.

You are required to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit and to carry out this project in compliance with the Rules at all times. Failure to do so may result in an enforcement action by this Department.

Pursuant to the provisions in 250-RICR-150-15-1.7(A)(9) and 250-RICR-150-15-1.11(D), as applicable, any properly recorded and valid permit is automatically transferred to the new owner upon sale of the property.

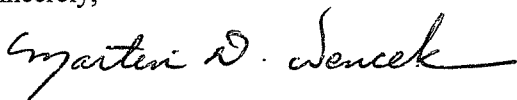
In permitting the proposed alterations, the DEM assumes no responsibility for damages resulting from faulty design or construction.

Kindly be advised that this permit is not equivalent to a verification of the type or extent of freshwater wetlands on site. Should you wish to have the types and extent of freshwater wetlands verified, you may submit the appropriate application in accordance with 250-RICR-150-15-1.8(C).

This permit does not remove your obligation to obtain any local, state, or federal approvals or permits required by ordinance or law and does not relieve you from any duties owed to adjacent landowners with specific reference to any changes in drainage.

Please contact me at this office (telephone: 401-222-6820, ext. 7403) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Martin D. Wencek, Program Supervisor  
Office of Water Resources  
Freshwater Wetlands Program

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Enclosure: Approved site plans

cc: Scott P. Rabideau, Natural Resource Services, Inc.  
Mark N. Nyberg, In-Site Engineering Services, LLC