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April 24, 2008

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RE: CHILMARK—Air Quality Control
 310 CMR 7.07(3)(f), source No. 8022
 Action Code E-V7
 Application No. 4F08006
APPROVAL

Dear Mr. Barney:

The MassDEP, Bureau of Waste Prevention, Southeast Region, has reviewed a request dated April 11, 2008, to permit The Department of The Navy to conduct open burning at Nomans Land Island, an entity of the Town of Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts.

The prescribed burn will take place at Nomans Land Island, a 628 acre island approximately 2.7 miles south of Aquinnah, on the island of Martha's Vineyard. The primary purpose of this burning would be to facilitate the removal of brush and grass as a prelude to the removal of potential emergent ordinance debris.

The MassDEP has determined that this is a valid application of 7.07(3)(f) of the "Air Pollution Control Regulations", and therefore, approves this request.

The approval is contingent upon compliance with the following stipulations:

1. No prescribed (controlled) burning shall be conducted during the time frame of July 1 thru September 15 of each calendar year unless authorized by the MassDEP.
2. All ignitions will be conducted between the hours of 9:00am through 5:00pm with all burns being in burn down mode between 5:00pm and 9:00am unless authorized by the MassDEP.
3. Total acreage burned per calendar year will be limited to 628 acres with additional acreage burning contingent upon Department of Environmental Protection approval.
4. Prescribed burning must be conducted during periods of good atmospheric ventilation, without causing a nuisance to surrounding communities.
5. Smoke minimizing starters or starting aids must be used.
6. Prescribed burning must be conducted under the provisions of Section 13, Chapter 48, of Massachusetts General Law.

This information is available in alternate format. Call Donald M. Gomes, ADA Coordinator at 617-556-1057. TDD# 866-539-7622 or 617-574-6868.

7. Best smoke management practices must be exercised to determine appropriate burn unit size, weather conditions, and ignition methods.
8. The prescribed burn plan (to include smoke screening and management conditions) must be reviewed and approved by an appropriately experienced Prescribed Burn Boss or Fire Manager, prior to the ignition of any burn unit.
9. The MassDEP, Bureau of Waste Prevention, Southeastern Region must be provided with a cover letter summarizing the intent to conduct a prescribed fire at a minimum of ten (10) days but not greater than twenty (21) days prior to any proposed prescribed burning. Additionally, the Bureau of Waste Prevention, Compliance and Enforcement Section, Southeast Regional Office shall be notified by fax (FAX #508-947-6557 or 508-946-2865) of the intent to conduct any prescribed burn prior, but not in excess of 48 hours to any ignition.
10. The fire departments and boards of health in the towns of Gosnold, Chilmark, Aquinnah, West Tisbury, Tisbury, Oak Bluffs and Edgartown must be notified in writing of the intent to conduct a prescribed fire at a minimum of 10 days but not to exceed 21 days prior to any prescribed burning. Additionally, the towns must be notified before ignition takes place but not in excess of 48 hours to any ignition.
11. By January 15th of each year, the Department of The Navy shall provide the MassDEP with a summary of the fire management activities that have been conducted during the previous calendar year.

Failure to comply with these conditions may result in the revocation of this authorization.

Should you have any questions relative to this matter, please contact Christopher Tilden at the Regional Office at (508) 946-2823.

Very truly yours,



Christopher Tilden P.E.
Regional Engineer for BWP

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