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VIA EMAIL

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The Honorable Jessica Giannino
State Representative, 16th Suffolk District
State House, Room 443
Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Jeffrey Turco
State Representative, 19th Suffolk District
State House, Room 26
Boston MA 02133

Dear Representative Giannino and Representative Turco,

Thank you for taking the time to discuss the WinWaste Solutions ash landfill in Saugus on February 10th with the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. The Secretary asked me to reach out to you to follow up on your most recent concerns regarding a possible expansion of the landfill and its location within an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC).

In response to your inquiry about the landfill's potential for expansion, I reviewed a letter written in November 2021 by then-MassDEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg regarding a site assignment modification. He wrote,

Any future proposals for expansion would require a modification to the facility's site assignment and approval from MassDEP and the Saugus Board of Health. As the landfill is located within an [ACEC], an expansion of the landfill (including vertical expansion) would need to meet the site suitability criteria in the Regulations with respect to the site assignment.

While an applicant is free to propose a site assignment modification, and MassDEP will review information submitted, based upon the information presently before MassDEP, the facility fails to meet the necessary site suitability criteria to allow for expansion within the ACEC and therefore would not receive a positive site suitability determination. Without a positive site suitability determination from MassDEP, a proposal to amend the facility's site assignment to allow for vertical expansion would not advance to the Saugus Board of Health for consideration.

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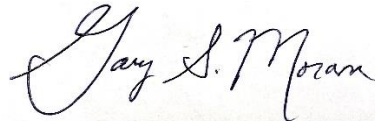
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The Department's interpretation of the regulations remains unchanged from the writing of the November 2021 letter and there has been no alteration of the conditions at the site to warrant a different outcome.

I hope this letter addresses your concerns and those of your constituents. Please reach out with any additional questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary S. Moran". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "G" and "M".

Gary Moran
Acting Commissioner
MassDEP