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July 12, 2007

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Re: Synthetic Turf Beneficial Use Determination

Dear Matthew,

I am writing in response to your letter dated July 9, 2007, written on behalf of the Town of Wayland, in which you request confirmation from MassDEP that MassDEP does not intend to issue a Beneficial Use Determination (BUD) regarding the use of crushed tires used in synthetic athletic fields.

MassDEP does not intend to issue a site-specific BUD for the use of tire crumb rubber in the synthetic athletic field in Wayland. The use of tire crumb as infill in synthetic turf fields is a well-established practice where the tire crumb substitutes for virgin rubber materials or rubber and soil mixtures. Synthetic turf fields have been constructed at numerous locations within Massachusetts. This use of tire crumb is in a restricted setting where the material will be disposed at the end of life of the field. MassDEP believes this use of tire crumb in synthetic athletic fields to be an acceptable recycling/reuse of tire rubber that does not warrant further review by MassDEP. Therefore, the Town of Wayland and the Wayland Booster's Association are not required by MassDEP to obtain a BUD for this use.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James A. Doucett".

James A. Doucett
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Business Compliance Division
Bureau of Waste Prevention

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