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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

November 25, 2024

Steve Pearson  
VFS, LLC  
5827 Terex  
Clarkstown, MI 48346  
[spearson@vfsmi.com](mailto:spearson@vfsmi.com)

RE: **PETITION NO. 1620** - VFS, LLC Declaratory Ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 920-kilowatt customer-side fuel cell facility and associated equipment located at the York Correctional Institution, 199 West Main Street, East Lyme (Niantic), Connecticut.  
**Compliance with Condition No. 7.**

Dear Steve Pearson:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated November 23, 2024 regarding compliance with Condition No. 7 of the Declaratory Ruling issued by the Council on July 18, 2024 for the above-referenced facility. The correspondence includes the pipe-cleaning procedures in accordance with Condition No. 7.

The Council acknowledges that the condition has been satisfied. This acknowledgment applies only to the condition satisfied by the November 23, 2024 correspondence.

Please be advised that deviations from the standards established by the Council in the Declaratory Ruling are enforceable under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §16-50u.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman  
Executive Director

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c: Service List, dated March 15, 2024



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November 23, 2024

Melanie Bachman, Esq.  
Executive Director  
Connecticut Siting Council  
10 Franklin Square  
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**PETITION NO. 1620 Approval condition #7:** VFS, LLC Submittal of information related to fuel pipe cleaning operations related to fuel cell construction, installation, or modification:

Dear Ms. Bachman,

Per condition #7 outlined in the Siting Council's declaratory ruling letter received on July 18, 2024, we are respectfully submitting this letter to notify the Council of the method that will be used to perform fuel pipe cleaning, which is in accordance with Public Act 11-101. Please be advised that VFS contractors are required to only use compressed nitrogen or compressed air to remove debris from fuel pipes. No natural gas or other cleaner is utilized to clean pipes. In addition, testing has been reviewed and approved with the State Fire Marshall.

Construction of the Fuel Cell Facility is being conducted by Sarracco Mechanical Services. Attachment 1 below is a letter from Sarracco's safety director that describes the process that will be used to purge the natural gas lines.

Please contact me if you have any questions, concerns or need clarification.

Warmest Regards,  
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Re: Nitrogen Natural Gas Line Purge

DATE: 11/1/24

Dave Flannigan

VFS, LLC

5827 Terex

Clarkston, MI 48346

My name is Seth Slomka, and I am the Safety Director for Sarracco Mechanical Services, Inc. I was directed to inform you of the purge protocol we plan to perform at the York Correctional Fuel Cell Project. 201 W. Main St, Niantic, CT 06357. We will be purging the natural gas line with an inert gas (nitrogen) for the sole purpose of riding the line of any debris. The gas line is located outside of the building and the nitrogen will be exhausted into the outside atmosphere. Please let me know if you have any further questions about this matter.

Signature(s):



Authorized Signature

**Seth Slomka**

Print Name

**Sarracco Mechanical Services Safety Director**

Company Name

**11/1/2024**

Date