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Please see the attached letter to address Mr. Tim Bates concerns.

Since our conversation the morning of April 24<sup>th</sup>, the project received approx. 1” of rain. This showed our team additional items to incorporate into the site SWPCP. It also showed the steps up to this point have improved the water quality leaving the site boundaries. The following modifications were incorporated on April 25:

- Raising outlet control on Sediment Basin 3 allowing the water more time for additional sediment to drop out.
- Install rock checks consisting of smaller aggregate at the rock dams located in the filtration basin.
- Ongoing repairs to damaged silt fence across the site.

I have tried to keep an eye out for Mr. Bates, but still have yet to connect directly with him.

Please feel free to call me directly as additional items arise.



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Dear Ms. Bachman,

This letter is with respect to the recent ongoing complaints from Mr. Tim Bates. It has been brought to DEPCOM's attention there have been multiple complaints since our last meeting at the project site, 4 April 2017. It is my general understanding there are two (2) topics of concern. First, Mr. Bates is not satisfied with the temporary modifications made to the Projects Storm Water Pollution Control Plan (SWPCP), during the 2-day period directly following the 4 April 2017 site meeting. Second, Mr. Bates expressed concern with how the cut and fill is occurring during the grading of the project site. As you may already know, Mr. Bates refuses to communicate his concerns directly to DEPCOM, an available channel established during the onsite meeting 7 March 2017. I will therefore address his concerns to the best of my knowledge, without directly hearing such matters from Mr. Bates.

As you are aware, during the week ending 1 April 2017, The Fusion Solar project site experienced concurring events, including an increase in temperature allowing thawing of any remaining snow or frost, saturating the soil. In addition, southeast Connecticut was hit with more than 2" of rain between 31 Mar & 1 April. This was the first major rain event experienced at the project site, as well as the first true test of the onsite storm water control measures installed per the SWPCP.

DEPCOM was made aware of several storm water issues approximately midday on Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>. I personally went to site, in an attempt identify any breaches or failures in the storm water control system. The DEPCOM team, with assistance from Matt Gustafson, from All-Points Technologies(APT), spent most of Monday 3 April, trying to identify the locations of the photos submitted by Mr. Bates. Only two of the submitted photos were taken the project site. The others were of off-site conditions in the immediate vicinity of the project site.

With more rain forecasted for Tuesday 4 April, and a site visit with your team already scheduled, DEPCOM requested an additional team of environmental inspectors to mobilize. That team included Matt Gustafson with APT, David Laiuppa and Shawn Callaghan with Fitzgerald & Halliday. During the April 4<sup>th</sup> site inspection, the team identified several areas where temporary improvements needed to be made, and one specific area in the southwest portion of the project site that would require the installation of a more permanent storm water control structure. The overall goal was to slow the velocity of storm water leaving the site, and adding additional sedimentation barriers along the site perimeter.



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The temporary measures were implemented between 4 April – 5 April. These measures included additional rock check dams, hay bales for flow control, and cutting additional diversion ditches to redirect the water. The next test of the system came on Thursday 6 April when the project site received over 2” of additional rain. Following this rain event the team made additional changes to the area south of SB-3, per the operating plans, to reduce water velocity and hold the storm water longer to allow the sediment to settle.

Working with DEPCOM’s in-house civil engineer and Kleinfelder (Developed D&M/Civil/SWPCP Plan for the project), the decision was made to install an additional storm water basin south of SB-3 for further sediment filtration. Installation of this basin was completed the week ending April, 15<sup>th</sup>. We will continue to monitor this area closely but believe it has eliminated our major concern of sediment discharge from the project site.

Mr. Bates’ most recent concern relates to the rock ledge that was exposed during site preparation in the southwestern portion of the project site. This was a previously buried ledge that was exposed during construction. To complete the grading in this area per the approved D&M Plan, this portion of the site required the installation 4’-6’ of fill material. The material that was removed during the installation of the filtration basin was used to accomplish this task.

In a text statement to you Mr. Bates said *“see what's getting piled up behind my house to cover up the ledge that was there it says in the paperwork that they aren't supposed to remove any walls and not to change they lay of the land”*. It is not clear what Mr. Bates is referring to.

The pictures submitted by Mr. Bates are only of the rock ledge exposed during construction, and the dirt prior to grading. This grading was included in the approved D&M Plan.

Unfortunately, Mr. Bates refuses to communicate directly with DEPCOM’s site team. As all the DEPCOM representatives have stated, we are always here and happy to address any issues, items of concern, or questions that he may have during and after site construction. We look forward to completing a successful project, involving and boosting the local community, and remaining transparent with our construction progress.

**Respectfully,**

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