

Inspection Report for North Sturbridge Road Solar Facility

NPDES ID No.: MAR10031G

Inspection Date: 5/4/2022

General Information					
Weather conditions during inspection	55°F, cloudy	Inspection start	1:20 PM	Inspection end	2:00 PM
Inspector Name, Title & Contact Information	Chanler Florian, Environmental Scientist (BETA Group, Inc.) cflorian@beta-inc.com 8603297045				
Present Phase of Construction	Phase 1. NOTE: The access road and stabilized construction entrance has been established pursuant to the Phase 1 scope of work. However, the entirety of the Site has been cleared of trees. No grubbing/stumping has occurred other than that required to establish the Site access road.				
Inspection Location	North Sturbridge Road Solar Facility – Entirety of Site (0 North Sturbridge Road, Charlton, MA 01507)				
Inspection Frequency <i>(Note: you may be subject to different inspection frequencies in different areas of the site. Check all that apply)</i> Standard Frequency: <input type="checkbox"/> Every 7 days <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Every 14 days and within 24 hours of a 0.25" rain or the occurrence of runoff from snowmelt sufficient to cause a discharge Increased Frequency: <input type="checkbox"/> Every 7 days and within 24 hours of a 0.25" rain (for areas of sites discharging to sediment or nutrient-impaired waters or to waters designated as Tier 2, Tier 2.5, or Tier 3) Reduced Frequency: <input type="checkbox"/> Twice during first month, no more than 14 calendar days apart; then once per month after first month; (for stabilized areas) <input type="checkbox"/> Twice during first month, no more than 14 calendar days apart; then once more within 24 hours of a 0.25" rain (for stabilized areas on "linear construction sites") <input type="checkbox"/> Once per month and within 24 hours of a 0.25" rain (for arid, semi-arid, or drought-stricken areas during seasonally dry periods or during drought) <input type="checkbox"/> Once per month (for frozen conditions where earth-disturbing activities are being conducted)					
Was this inspection triggered by a 0.25" storm event? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, how did you determined whether a 0.25" storm event has occurred? <input type="checkbox"/> Rain gauge on site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weather station representative of site. Specify weather station source: Worcester Regional Airport  Total rainfall amount that triggered the inspection (inches): 0.25" Was this inspection triggered by the occurrence of runoff from snowmelt sufficient to cause a discharge? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No					

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Unsafe Conditions for Inspection

Did you determine that any portion of your site was unsafe for inspection per CGP Part 4.1.5?  Yes  No

If "yes", complete the following:

- Describe the conditions that prevented you from conducting the inspection in this location: N/A
- Location where conditions were found: N/A

Condition and Effectiveness of Erosion and Sediment (E&S) Controls (CGP Part 2.2)

Type/Location of E&S Control	Maintenance Needed?*	Corrective Action Required?*	Date on Which Maintenance or Corrective Action First Identified?	Notes
1. Silt Fence and Straw Wattles	Yes	No	3/15/2022	On 5/4/2022 BETA observed damage to the wattles in the northeast and eastern corners of the Site, damage was first observed on 3/15/2022. BETA also observed the silt fence to be partly torn in the southeastern corner of the Site, damage was first observed on 3/27/2022. General maintenance is needed for the entire silt fence. No evidence of discharge was observed.
2. Stabilized Construction Entrance (Site Entrance – Access Road)	No	No		
3. Stump and Soil Stockpile Area	No	No		
4. Dust Controls	N/A	N/A		
5. Jute Mesh (Steep Slopes)	N/A	N/A		
6. Temporary Seeding	No	No		

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7. Topsoil Re-Use	N/A	N/A		
8. Storm Drain Inlets (North Brookfield Road)	N/A	N/A		
9. Temporary Drainage Swales (Throughout Site)	N/A	N/A		
10. Temporary Sediment Basins (Throughout Site)	N/A	N/A		

Condition and Effectiveness of Pollution Prevention (P2) Practices (CGP Part 2.3)

Type/Location of P2 Practices [insert additional rows if applicable]	Maintenance Needed?*	Corrective Action Required?*	Date on Which Maintenance or Corrective Action First Identified?	Notes
1. Equipment Refueling Staging Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	[Enter date]	
2. Hydraulic Lines Staging/Work Areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	[Enter date]	
3. Equipment Maintenance Staging Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	[Enter date]	
4. Sanitary Toilets Staging Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	[Enter date]	
5. Vehicle Accident Entire Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	[Enter date]	

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Staging/Work Areas				
8. Concrete Washout	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	[Enter date]	

\* Note: The permit differentiates between conditions requiring routine maintenance, and those requiring corrective action. The permit requires maintenance in order to keep controls in effective operating condition. Corrective actions are triggered only for specific conditions, which include: 1) A stormwater control needs repair or replacement (beyond routine maintenance) if it is not operating as intended; 2) A stormwater control necessary to comply with the permit was never installed or was installed incorrectly; 3) You become aware that the stormwater controls you have installed and are maintaining are not effective enough for the discharge to meet applicable water quality standards or applicable requirements in Part 3.1; 4) One of the prohibited discharges in Part 1.3 is occurring or has occurred; or 5) EPA requires corrective actions as a result of a permit violation found during an inspection carried out under Part 4.8. If a condition on your site requires a corrective action, you must also fill out a corrective action form found at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater-discharges-construction-activities#resources>. See Part 5 of the permit for more information.

Stabilization of Exposed Soil (CGP Part 2.2.14)			
Stabilization Area [insert additional rows if applicable]	Stabilization Method	Have You Initiated Stabilization?	Notes
1. Earthen access road leading to stockpile area	Straw mulch or hydroseed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes 7/30/2021 <input type="checkbox"/> No	The stockpile area and associated access road have been hydroseeded. Germination has begun and the area will be monitored for successful establishment.
2. Informal access road along northern portion of the Site	Straw mulch or hydroseed	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes [Enter date] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Erosion channels are beginning to form within upgradient portions of the informal access road (Figure 1). The contractor indicated that stabilization by smoothing out soils and seeding or spreading mulch would occur on 7/30/2021. Stabilization of this area has not been initiated. After inspection of the area on 8/24/2021, it was determined that



<p>3. Area beyond the limits of work at Discharge 1</p>	<p>Hand application of seed</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes 8/24/2021 <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>temporary swales would likely alleviate the issue of channelization in this area; however, these swales will not be constructed until work resumes at the Site in the spring (pending local approval). This area will continue to be monitored; however, stabilization is not required since the area is not discharging sediment beyond the limits of work.</p> <p>The sediment deposit previously observed has been removed from beyond the limits of work and the area has been seeded. No sediment migrated within 50 feet of a "water of the US". Straw and additional seed was applied on 8/24/2021.</p> <p>On 10/2/2021 BETA verified that grass seed had been successful established. BETA will continue to monitor grass growth in the spring.</p>
<p>4. Area beyond limits of work at Discharge 2</p>	<p>Hand application of seed</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes Enter Date <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>On 4/8/2022 BETA observed the recently seeded grass to be established.</p>

Description of Discharges (CGP Part 4.6.6)	
<p>Was a stormwater discharge or other discharge occurring from any part of your site at the time of the inspection? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>If "yes", provide the following information for each point of discharge:</p>	
Discharge Location	Observations
<p>Discharge 1</p>	<p>Describe the discharge: NA</p> <p>At points of discharge and the channels and banks of surface waters in the immediate vicinity, are there any visible signs of erosion and/or sediment accumulation that can be attributed to your discharge? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>If yes, describe what you see, specify the location(s) where these conditions were found, and indicate whether modification, maintenance, or corrective action is needed to resolve the issue: NA</p>

**Contractor or Subcontractor Signature and Certification**

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I have no personal knowledge that the information submitted is other than true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

Signature of Contractor or Subcontractor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date:

Printed Name and Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Operator Signature and Certification**

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Signature of Operator or "Duly Authorized Representative":



Date:

Printed Name and Affiliation:

Chanler Florian

5/4/2022







Photo 1



View of damaged silt fence in eastern portion of the Site — facing southeast

Photo 2



View of damaged silt fence in southeast portion of the Site — facing southeast

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Charlton, Massachusetts  
Photographs Documented 5.4.2022



Photo 3



View of damaged silt wattle in northern portion of the Site — facing north

Photo 4



View of damaged silt wattle in northeastern portion of the Site — facing northeast

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Photo 5



View of planted grass at Discharge 2 — facing north

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