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Dave and Lisa Pugh DCAC Founding Members 140 Raymound Drive Dalton, MA 01226

Dear Mr. and Ms. Pugh,

Thank you for contacting the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) with your concerns regarding the Asphalt, Brick, and Concrete ("ABC") operations occurring at Berkshire Concrete Corporation located at 40 Bridle Road in Dalton (the "Facility").

According to the regulatory requirements pertaining to the management of ABC materials, which can be found in 310 CMR 16.03(2)(b)5, the processing of ABC material is exempt from needing a MassDEP permit when the operation is an active quarry or active sand and gravel pit, when the ABC material is clean or uncoated, and when the material is processed to 6 inches or less.

On July 30, 2025, MassDEP personnel conducted an inspection of the Facility's operations. MassDEP determined that the Facility is operating as an active sand and gravel pit where some presorted ABC material mixed with soil has been transported to the Facility for further processing. During the inspection, MassDEP personnel observed a large pile of soil containing ABC material located west of Walker Brook. The pile observed contained clean and uncoated ABC material and was previously processed or crushed. The facility indicated that this pile of mixed soil and ABC material would be further processed to ensure that all of the ABC pieces within the pile were crushed to less than six inches in their longest dimension. MassDEP's observation is that the facility was operating within the limits of the regulatory exemption at the time of the site visit.

MassDEP personnel did not observe dust coming from the pile of mixed soil and ABC materials. The Facility appears to be meeting compliance expectations with regards to management of these materials.

Since MassDEP's previous inspection at the Facility on February 4, 2025, MassDEP observed that the Facility has implemented the following dust control measures: water sprinklers, water trucks, the creation of a tiered gravel pit area, the creation of a berm, seeding and planting of trees, installation of fencing, and installation of spray bars on their rock crushing equipment. Having issued a special permit to Berkshire Concrete, The Town of Dalton is the primary regulatory authority for this

facility. MassDEP does not have any active investigations regarding Berkshire Concrete Corporation.

Sincerely,

Eva Tor

Deputy Regional Director Bureau of Air and Waste

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ECc: Agnes Witkowski, Dalton Board of Health; Terry Williams, Dalton Interim Town Manager; Bob Bishop, Dalton Select Board