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William Page, Jr.

Massachusetts Natural Fertilizer Company, Inc.

65 Bean Porridge Hill Road

Westminster, MA 01473

email: mnatural49@yahoo.com

Re: BAW – Westminster

Violations of M.G.L. c. 111, §§150A &

150A1/2 and 310 CMR 16.00

FMF #137739

Enforcement Document Number 00013644

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In the Matter of: )	ADMINISTRATIVE
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- 8. The private drinking water well at the Site and more than 100 private drinking water wells near the Site are contaminated with high levels of certain per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (collectively, "PFAS") regulated by MassDEP under M.G.L. c. 21E and 310 CMR 40.0000 (the "MCP"). PFAS levels in most of those private wells (83) exceed Imminent Hazard Levels as described in 310 CMR 40.0321(2)(a). MassDEP has identified Mass Natural and Otter Farm as Potentially Responsible Parties ("PRPs") for the private well contamination under the MCP. The PRPs are providing bottled water and/or water treatment systems to private well owners with contaminated wells and they continue to investigate the full extent of private well contamination from the Site as part of an Immediate Response Action Plan under 310 CMR 40.0414.
- 9. On May 17, 2022, MassDEP issued a Unilateral Administrative Order, Enforcement Document No. 00013278 (the "UAO"), directing Mass Natural to cease and desist from distributing any materials containing PFAS at levels that would exceed applicable standards for PFAS in groundwater that is or could be used as drinking water, including private wells. The UAO was based on information Mass Natural voluntarily submitted to MassDEP showing elevated levels of PFAS compounds in unspecified materials stored at the Site.
- 10. On June 30, 2022, Mass Natural voluntarily submitted 30 additional sampling results to MassDEP showing that most of the materials sampled on May 25 and June 2, 2022 at the Site contain one or more PFAS compounds at levels exceeding MCP standards. Specifically, the following materials all had exceedances of RCS-1 standards for at least one PFAS compound: landfill cover; golf course material; fiber biopellets; potting soil; compost; "turkey pad" materials; Greif paper; "windrow"; and Top Shelf (loam). The data were inconclusive for four other materials: Seaman paper, lettuce waste, tea leaves waste, and cannabis roots.
- 11. The UAO also required Mass Natural to submit a sampling plan for all the materials at the Site. MassDEP approved the sampling plan on June 30, 2022 and the approved sampling took place during a five-day period from July 7 to July 13, 2022. Using MassDEP-approved protocols, Mass Natural collected more than 150 samples for PFAS analysis.
- 12. Based on PFAS concentrations exceeding Imminent Hazard values in drinking water at the Site and in private wells off-site, and PFAS contamination in incoming, intermediate, and finished materials at the Site, MassDEP has determined that operation of the Site has caused or

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poses a threat to public health and the environment, in violation of Paragraph VI.B.4. of the RCC Permit. Failure of any person to comply fully with an RCC permit is a violation of 310 CMR 16.01(8)(a)8, for which Mass Natural and Otter Farm are jointly and severally liable under 310 CMR 16.01(6).

- 13. M.G.L. c. 111, § 150A provides that MassDEP may rescind, suspend or modify a permit upon a determination that the operation or maintenance of the facility results in a threat to the public health and safety or to the environment. MassDEP has determined that operation or maintenance of the facility poses a threat to public health, safety, or the environment due to the presence of PFAS contamination in materials and groundwater on the Site and in over 100 private drinking water wells off-site.
- 14. The Site Assignment Regulations at 310 CMR 16.01(8)(b)2 provide that MassDEP may rescind, suspend, revoke, or modify an RCC permit whenever it has reason to believe that a violation of 310 CMR 16.00 has occurred.
- 15. The Site Assignment Regulations at 310 CMR 16.01(8)(b)1 provide that MassDEP may order the owner or operator to cease operations until the violation is corrected to the satisfaction of MassDEP, and/or to take appropriate remedial measures by a specified date to bring the Site into compliance or to protect public health, safety or the environment.

### III. DISPOSITION AND ORDER

- 16. For the reasons stated above, and pursuant to the authority granted to MassDEP under the laws and regulations set forth above in Paragraph 4, MassDEP hereby SUSPENDS the RCC Permit, effective immediately.
- 17. For the reasons stated above, and pursuant to the authority granted to MassDEP under the laws and regulations set forth above in Paragraph 4, MassDEP hereby orders Mass Natural and Otter Farm to take the following actions:
  - A. Effective immediately, cease composting operations at the Site; and
  - B. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, submit to MassDEP for its review and approval a plan to take appropriate remedial measures to protect public health, safety, and the environment, including but not limited to removal of all materials listed in paragraph 10 above as exceeding PFAS standards from the Site.
- 18. Notwithstanding this Order, MassDEP reserves the right to exercise the full extent of its legal authority in order to obtain full compliance with all applicable requirements, including but not limited to referral to the Attorney General's Office for criminal prosecution or civil action including court-imposed civil penalties, or administrative penalties assessed by MassDEP.

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- 19. Mass Natural and Otter Farm are advised that M.G.L. c. 111, § 150A provides that "[a]ny person, including any political subdivision of the commonwealth who violates this section, or any order issued pursuant thereto, or any rule or regulation promulgated hereunder (1) shall be subject to a fine of not more than twenty-five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than two years in a house of correction, or both, for each such violation; or (2) shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars for each such violation."
- 20. Mass Natural and Otter Farm are further advised that M.G.L. c. 21A, § 16 provides for civil administrative penalties of up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for each day after the issuance of this Order during which each violation covered by this Order continues or is repeated.

### IV. APPEAL RIGHTS

- 21. This Order is an action of MassDEP. If you are aggrieved by this action, you may request an adjudicatory hearing. A request for a hearing must be made in writing and must be received by MassDEP, as provided in 310 CMR 1.01, within twenty-one (21) days from the date of this Order.
- 22. Under 310 CMR 1.01(6)(b), the request must state clearly and concisely the facts that are the grounds for the request, and the relief sought. Additionally, the request must state why the Order is not consistent with applicable laws and regulations.
- 23. The original hearing request must be mailed to:

Case Administrator
Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
One Winter Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

A valid check payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the filing fee must be mailed separately along with a completed Adjudicatory Hearing Fee Transmittal Form to:

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A copy of the transmittal form is attached for your convenience. A copy of the transmittal form and check should be sent to the Case Administrator at the address above.

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A copy of the hearing request should be sent to:

Douglas Fine, Deputy Regional Director Bureau of Air & Waste Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection 8 New Bond Street Worcester, Massachusetts 01606

Failure to pay the filing fee as required is grounds for dismissal of the request for hearing. Upon a showing of undue financial hardship, MassDEP may waive the adjudicatory hearing filing fee. A person who believes that payment of the \$100.00 filing fee would be an undue financial hardship must file, together with the request for adjudicatory hearing as provided above, an affidavit setting forth the facts the appellant believes constitute the undue financial hardship.

24. Mass Natural and Otter Farm may also be subject to administrative or civil penalties for the past violations described in this Order. Questions regarding the contents of this Order should be directed to Douglas Fine, Deputy Regional Director, MassDEP, 8 New Bond Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01606, or <a href="mailto:douglas.fine@mass.gov">douglas.fine@mass.gov</a>.

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1 English:

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2 Español (Spanish):

Este documento es importante y debe ser traducido inmediatamente. Si necesita este documento traducido, comuníquese con el Director de Diversidad de MassDEP a los números de teléfono que aparecen más abajo.



3 Português (Portuguese):

Este documento é importante e deve ser traduzido imediatamente. Se você precisa deste documento traduzido, entre em contato com Diretor de Diversidade da MassDEP para os números de telefone listados abaixo.



4(a) 中國(傳統)(Chinese (Traditional):

本文件非常重要,應立即翻譯。如果您需要翻譯這份文件,請用下面列出的電話號碼與 MassDEP 的多元化總監聯繫。



4(b) 中国(简体中文) (Chinese (Simplified):

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5 Ayisyen (franse kreyòl) (Haitian) (French Creole):

Dokiman sa-a se yon bagay enpòtan epi yo ta dwe tradui imedyatman. Si ou bezwen dokiman sa a tradui, tanpri kontakte Divèsite Direktè MassDEP a nan nimewo telefòn ki nan lis pi ba a.



6 Việt (Vietnamese):

Tài liệu này rất quan trọng và cần được dịch ngay lập tức. Nếu bạn cần dịch tài liệu này, xin vuí lòng liên hệ với Giám đốc Đa dạng của MassDEP theo các số điện thoại được liệt kê dưới đây.



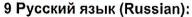
7 ប្រទេសកម្ពុជា (Kmer (Cambodian):

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Это важный документ и он должен быть безотлагательно переведен. Если вам нужен перевод данного документа, пожалуйста, свяжитесь с директором по разнообразию компании MassDEP по телефону указанному ниже



10 العربية (Arabic):

هذه الوثيقة مهمة ويجب ترجمتها على الفور. اذا كنت بحاجة الى هذه الوثيقة المترجمة، يرجى الاتصال بمدير الننوع في المدرجة أدناه. PMassDE



### 11 한국어 (Korean):

이 문서는 중요하고 즉시 번역해야 합니다. 이 문서의 번역이 필요하시다면, 아래의 전화 번호로 MassDEP 의 다양성 감독에 문의하시기 바랍니다.



### 12 հայերեն (Armenian)։

Այս փաստաթուղթը շատ կարեւոր է եւ պետք է թարգմանել անմիջապես. Եթե Ձեզ անհրաժեշտ է այս փաստաթուղթը թարգմանվել դիմել MassDEP բազմազանությունը տնօրեն է հեռախոսահամարների թվարկված են ստորեւ.



### 13 فارسى (Farsi [Persian]):

این سند مهم است و باید فورا ترجمه شده است. اگر شما نیاز به این سند ترجمه شده، لطفا با ما تماس تنوع مدیر PMassDE در شماره تلفن های ذکر شده در زیر.



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Dieses Dokument ist wichtig und sollte sofort übersetzt werden. Sofern Sie die Übersetzung von diesem Dokument benötigen, wenden Sie sich bitte an den Diversity Director MassDEP unter der unten aufgeführten Telefonnummer.



### 16 Ελληνική (Greek):

Το παρόν έγγραφο είναι σημαντικό και θα πρέπει να μεταφραστεί αμέσως. Αν χρειάζεστε μετάφραση του παρόντος εγγράφου, παρακαλούμε επικοινωνήστε με τον Διευθυντή Διαφορετικότητας του MassDEP στους αριθμούς τηλεφώνου που αναγράφονται παρακάτω.



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Dokument ten jest ważny i powinien zostać natychmiast przetłumaczony. Jeśli potrzebujesz przetłumaczonej wersji dokumentu, prosimy o kontakt z dyrektorem ds. różnorodności MassDEP pod jednym z numerów telefonu wymienionych poniżej.

Contact Glynis L. Bugg, Acting Diversity Director/Civil Rights: 857 262-0606 TTY# MassRelay Service1-800-439-2370 <a href="http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/service/justice/">http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/service/justice/</a> (Version revised 4.4.2022)



19 हिन्दी (Hindi): यह दस्तावेज महत्वपूर्ण है और तुरंत अनुवाद किया जाना चाहिए. यदि आपको इस दस्तावेज़ का अनुवाद करने की आवश्यकता है, तो कृपया नीचे सूचीबद्ध टेलीफोन नंबरों पर मासडेप्स डाइवर्सिटी के निदेशक से संपर्क करें।.



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### Adjudicatory Hearing Fee Transmittal Form

**IMPORTANT!** This form is intended for fee transmittal only. The contents of a request for an adjudicatory appeal (Notice of Claim) are established at 310 CMR 1.01(6) and the substantive statutes and regulations governing the Department's action.

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- 8. The private drinking water well at the Site and more than 100 private drinking water wells near the Site are contaminated with high levels of certain per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (collectively, "PFAS") regulated by MassDEP under M.G.L. c. 21E and 310 CMR 40.0000 (the "MCP"). PFAS levels in most of those private wells (83) exceed Imminent Hazard Levels as described in 310 CMR 40.0321(2)(a). MassDEP has identified Mass Natural and Otter Farm as Potentially Responsible Parties ("PRPs") for the private well contamination under the MCP. The PRPs are providing bottled water and/or water treatment systems to private well owners with contaminated wells and they continue to investigate the full extent of private well contamination from the Site as part of an Immediate Response Action Plan under 310 CMR 40.0414.
- 9. On May 17, 2022, MassDEP issued a Unilateral Administrative Order, Enforcement Document No. 00013278 (the "UAO"), directing Mass Natural to cease and desist from distributing any materials containing PFAS at levels that would exceed applicable standards for PFAS in groundwater that is or could be used as drinking water, including private wells. The UAO was based on information Mass Natural voluntarily submitted to MassDEP showing elevated levels of PFAS compounds in unspecified materials stored at the Site.
- 10. On June 30, 2022, Mass Natural voluntarily submitted 30 additional sampling results to MassDEP showing that most of the materials sampled on May 25 and June 2, 2022 at the Site contain one or more PFAS compounds at levels exceeding MCP standards. Specifically, the following materials all had exceedances of RCS-1 standards for at least one PFAS compound: landfill cover; golf course material; fiber biopellets; potting soil; compost; "turkey pad" materials; Greif paper; "windrow"; and Top Shelf (loam). The data were inconclusive for four other materials: Seaman paper, lettuce waste, tea leaves waste, and cannabis roots.
- 11. The UAO also required Mass Natural to submit a sampling plan for all the materials at the Site. MassDEP approved the sampling plan on June 30, 2022 and the approved sampling took place during a five-day period from July 7 to July 13, 2022. Using MassDEP-approved protocols, Mass Natural collected more than 150 samples for PFAS analysis.
- 12. Based on PFAS concentrations exceeding Imminent Hazard values in drinking water at the Site and in private wells off-site, and PFAS contamination in incoming, intermediate, and finished materials at the Site, MassDEP has determined that operation of the Site has caused or

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poses a threat to public health and the environment, in violation of Paragraph VI.B.4. of the RCC Permit. Failure of any person to comply fully with an RCC permit is a violation of 310 CMR 16.01(8)(a)8, for which Mass Natural and Otter Farm are jointly and severally liable under 310 CMR 16.01(6).

- 13. M.G.L. c. 111, § 150A provides that MassDEP may rescind, suspend or modify a permit upon a determination that the operation or maintenance of the facility results in a threat to the public health and safety or to the environment. MassDEP has determined that operation or maintenance of the facility poses a threat to public health, safety, or the environment due to the presence of PFAS contamination in materials and groundwater on the Site and in over 100 private drinking water wells off-site.
- 14. The Site Assignment Regulations at 310 CMR 16.01(8)(b)2 provide that MassDEP may rescind, suspend, revoke, or modify an RCC permit whenever it has reason to believe that a violation of 310 CMR 16.00 has occurred.
- 15. The Site Assignment Regulations at 310 CMR 16.01(8)(b)1 provide that MassDEP may order the owner or operator to cease operations until the violation is corrected to the satisfaction of MassDEP, and/or to take appropriate remedial measures by a specified date to bring the Site into compliance or to protect public health, safety or the environment.

### III. DISPOSITION AND ORDER

- 16. For the reasons stated above, and pursuant to the authority granted to MassDEP under the laws and regulations set forth above in Paragraph 4, MassDEP hereby **SUSPENDS** the RCC Permit, effective immediately.
- 17. For the reasons stated above, and pursuant to the authority granted to MassDEP under the laws and regulations set forth above in Paragraph 4, MassDEP hereby orders Mass Natural and Otter Farm to take the following actions:
  - A. Effective immediately, cease composting operations at the Site; and
  - B. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, submit to MassDEP for its review and approval a plan to take appropriate remedial measures to protect public health, safety, and the environment, including but not limited to removal of all materials listed in paragraph 10 above as exceeding PFAS standards from the Site.
- 18. Notwithstanding this Order, MassDEP reserves the right to exercise the full extent of its legal authority in order to obtain full compliance with all applicable requirements, including but not limited to referral to the Attorney General's Office for criminal prosecution or civil action including court-imposed civil penalties, or administrative penalties assessed by MassDEP.

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- 19. Mass Natural and Otter Farm are advised that M.G.L. c. 111, § 150A provides that "[a]ny person, including any political subdivision of the commonwealth who violates this section, or any order issued pursuant thereto, or any rule or regulation promulgated hereunder (1) shall be subject to a fine of not more than twenty-five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than two years in a house of correction, or both, for each such violation; or (2) shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars for each such violation."
- 20. Mass Natural and Otter Farm are further advised that M.G.L. c. 21A, § 16 provides for civil administrative penalties of up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for each day after the issuance of this Order during which each violation covered by this Order continues or is repeated.

#### IV. APPEAL RIGHTS

- 21. This Order is an action of MassDEP. If you are aggrieved by this action, you may request an adjudicatory hearing. A request for a hearing must be made in writing and must be received by MassDEP, as provided in 310 CMR 1.01, within twenty-one (21) days from the date of this Order.
- 22. Under 310 CMR 1.01(6)(b), the request must state clearly and concisely the facts that are the grounds for the request, and the relief sought. Additionally, the request must state why the Order is not consistent with applicable laws and regulations.
- 23. The original hearing request must be mailed to:

Case Administrator
Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
One Winter Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

A valid check payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the filing fee must be mailed separately along with a completed Adjudicatory Hearing Fee Transmittal Form to:

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection P.O. Box 4062
Boston, Massachusetts 02211

A copy of the transmittal form is attached for your convenience. A copy of the transmittal form and check should be sent to the Case Administrator at the address above.

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A copy of the hearing request should be sent to:

Douglas Fine, Deputy Regional Director Bureau of Air & Waste Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection 8 New Bond Street Worcester, Massachusetts 01606

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24. Mass Natural and Otter Farm may also be subject to administrative or civil penalties for the past violations described in this Order. Questions regarding the contents of this Order should be directed to Douglas Fine, Deputy Regional Director, MassDEP, 8 New Bond Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01606, or <a href="mailto:douglas.fine@mass.gov">douglas.fine@mass.gov</a>.

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Central Regional Office 8 New Bond Street

Worcester, MA 01606

Date:



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Communication for Non-English-Speaking Parties - 310 CMR 1.03(5)(a)



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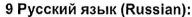
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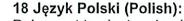
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## **Adjudicatory Hearing Fee Transmittal Form**

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