



WPA Form 1 - Request for Determination of Applicability

Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. c. 131, §40

Please type or print clearly all information requested on this form.

A General Information

1. Applicant:

Mobil Pipeline Corp c/o N.L Forget

Name

P.O. Box 606-Main Street

Mailing Address

East Douglas

City/Town

MA

01516

State

Zip Code

(508) 476-3054

Phone Number

Fax Number (if applicable)

E-Mail Address (if applicable)

2. Representative (if any):

Natural Resource Services

Firm

Scott P. Rabideau

Contact Name

P.O. Box 311

Mailing Address

Harrisville

City/Town

RI

02830

State

Zip Code

(401) 568-7390

Phone Number

Fax Number (if applicable)

E-mail Address (if applicable)

B Determinations

1. As the applicant, I, request that the

Seekonk

Conservation Commission

make the following determination(s) (check any that apply):

A. whether the **area** depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced below is an area subject to jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act.

B. whether the **boundaries** of resource area(s) indicated and depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced below are accurately delineated.

C. whether the **work** described and/or depicted on plan referenced below is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act.

D. whether the area and/or work described and/or depicted on plan referenced below is subject to the jurisdiction of any **municipal wetlands protection law or bylaw** of

Name of Municipality

E. the **scope of alternatives** to be considered for work (described below) that is located in the Riverfront Area.

C Project Description

1. The project location is described as follows. (Use map(s) and/or plan(s) to identify the location of the area subject to this request.)

a. Location:

Mobil Pipeline

Street Address

Seekonk

City/Town

See attached

Assessors Map/Plat #

Parcel/Lot #

b. Area Description (use additional paper if necessary):

We are requesting verification

of all wetlands along the

pipeline in Seekonk

c. Plan and/or map reference(s) (list title and date):

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C Project Description (cont.)

2. The proposed work is described below. (If needed, provide plan(s) of work.)

a. Work Description (use additional paper, if necessary).

b. Exemptions. Identify provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act or regulations which may exempt the applicant from having to file a Notice of Intent for all or part of the described work (use additional paper, if necessary).

3. a. If this application is a Request for Determination of Scope of Alternatives for work in the Riverfront Area, indicate the one classification below that best describes the project.

- Single family house on a lot recorded on or before 8/1/96
- Single family house on a lot recorded after 8/1/96
- Expansion of an existing structure on lot recorded after 8/1/96
- Project, other than a single family home or public project, where the applicant owned the lot before 8/7/96
- New agriculture or aquaculture project
- Public project where funds were appropriated prior to 8/7/96
- Project on a lot shown on an approved, definitive subdivision plan where there is a recorded deed restriction limiting total alteration of the Riverfront Area for the entire subdivision
- Residential subdivision; institutional, industrial, or commercial project
- Municipal projects
- District, county, state, or federal government project
- Project required to evaluate off-site alternatives in more than one municipality in an Environmental Impact Report under MEPA or in an alternatives analysis pursuant to an application for a 404 permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or 401 Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Protection.

b. Provide evidence (e.g., record of date subdivision lot was recorded) supporting the classification above. Use additional paper and/or attach appropriate documents, if necessary.



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D Signatures and Submittal Requirements

I hereby certify under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing Request for Determination of Applicability and accompanying plans, documents, and supporting data are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I further certify that the property owner, if different from the applicant, and the appropriate Department of Environmental Protection Regional Office (see Appendix A) were sent a complete copy of this Request (including all appropriate documentation) simultaneously with the submittal of this Request to the conservation commission.

Failure by the applicant to send copies in a timely manner may result in dismissal of the Request for Determination of Applicability.

Signatures:

I also understand that notification of this Request will be placed in a local newspaper at my expense in accordance with Section 10.05(3)(b)(1) of the Wetlands Protection Act regulations.

NL Forget 9 FEB 00
Signature of Applicant Date

NL FORGET
Print Name

The name and address of the property owner:

Name

Mailing Address

City/Town

State *Zip Code*



Natural Resource Services, Inc.

June 1, 1999

Norman L. Forget
Mobil Pipeline Corp.
P.O. Box 606
East Douglas, MA 01516

RE: Letter of Findings; Mobil Pipeline, East Providence, RI/ Seekonk, MA. Town boundary to North Attleboro MA./ Cumberland, RI Town boundary

Dear Mr. Forget:

Natural Resource Services, Inc. (NRS) has completed the freshwater wetland delineations for the above referenced property. This field delineation was done in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. ch. 131, sec 40.). All delineations performed by NRS are subject to verification from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

The subject property includes the entire Mobil Pipeline right-of-way from the East Providence, RI / Seekonk, MA. Town border to the North Attleboro, MA. / Cumberland, RI Town Border. NRS has field delineated numerous areas of freshwater wetlands along this approximate 12 miles of pipeline.

Figure 1. lists the NRS flag series, its DEP classification, and the appropriate jurisdictional setback within each town. The vast majority of these wetland flag series depict the edges of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW's). The hydrology within these wetland areas are very variable, ranging from seasonally flooded to permanently flooded. A second classification of wetland occurring along the pipeline includes Isolated Lands Subject to Flooding (ILSF). These wetlands are confined areas usually maintaining seasonally flooded water regimes.

It is important to note that several named and un-named perennial watercourses flow through some of the BVW's. Perennial rivers are depicted on the USGS Topographic Maps as solid blue lines. These rivers will be subject to the Rivers Protection Act, requiring a 200 foot riverfront area from the mean high water line. In most cases, these rivers have not been delineated in the field. Therefore, each river bank will have to be shown on all site plans submitted for review.

The Soil Survey of Bristol County Massachusetts, Northern Part (USDA, 1978) depicts the wetland areas to be underlain by several different hydric soil series. These

(Letter of Findings for N. Forget, page 2)

include Birdsall, Medisaprists, Scarboro, Wareham and Whitman series. These soil series consists of poorly drained and very poorly drained soils.

Vegetation within the BVW's and ILSF's were observed to be somewhat contiguous in nature, including many wetland indicator species. These include:

Red Maple	Speckled Alder	Sweet Pepperbush
Silky Dogwood	Swamp Azalea	Highbush Blueberry
Cinnamon fern	Sensitive Fern	Reed Canary Grass
Skunk Cabbage	Jewelweed	Tussock Sedge
Sphagnum Moss	Cattail species	Soft Rush

This is by no means an inclusive list, but rather a sampling of vegetative species commonly observed within the overstory, understory and herbaceous layers.

The areas of upland habitat consists of forest, open field, residential, commercial and industrial development. Vegetation occurring in the upland areas include Black Oak, Autumn Olive, Black Cherry, Multiflora Rose, Beard Grass and Poison Ivy.

Under current regulations, the DEP will apply the applicable jurisdictional setbacks as detailed in Figure 1. In addition, a 200 foot jurisdictional setback, classified as a 200 foot Riverfront Area, will be applied to the mean high water line of the perennial water-courses along the pipeline. This riverfront area consists of a 100 foot inner riparian zone and a 100 foot outer riparian zone. All setbacks must be accurately depicted on all site plans submitted for review. Any proposed construction within either the 100 foot buffer zone or the 200 foot riverfront area will be subject to permitting from the DEP and the Seekonk, Attleboro and North Attleboro Conservation Commissions.

Please contact our office should you have any questions or require additional information.

Very truly yours,

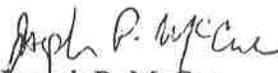

Joseph P. McCue
Wetlands Biologist

FIGURE 1.

<u>NRS FLAG SERIES</u>	<u>DEP CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>JURISDICTIONAL SETBACK</u>
SEEKONK		
A1 - A3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
B1 - B3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
C1 - C3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
D1 - D5	ILSF	None
E1 - E13	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
F1 - F5	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
G1 - G3	ILSF	None
H1 - H4	ILSF	None
I1 - I3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
J1 - J2	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
K1 - K2	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
L1 - L3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
M1 - M3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
N1 - N3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
O1A - O1C -		
O1 - O3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
P1 - P3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
Q1 - Q7	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
R1 - R2	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
S1 - S3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
T1 - T8	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
U1 - U4	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
V1 - V4	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
W1 - W3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
X1 - X3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
Y1 - Y4	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
Z1 - Z8	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
AA1 - AA9	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
BB1 - BB7	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
CC1 - CC4	ILSF	None
DD1 - DD3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
EE1 - EE4	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
FF1 - FF4	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
GG1 - GG4	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
HH1 - HH3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
II1 - II8	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
JJ1 - JJ10	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone

166 flags

**NRS FLAG
SERIES
SEEKONK cont.**

**DEP
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**JURISDICTIONAL
SETBACK**

KK1 - KK10	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
LL1 - LL4	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
MM1 - MM3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
NN1 - NN2	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
OO1 - OO3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
PP1 - PP3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
QQ1 - QQ2	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
RR1 - RR2	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone

*16
30
196 flags*

ATTLEBORO

SS1 - SS2	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
TT1 - TT2	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
A1 - A5	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
B1 - B5	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
C1 - C5	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
D1 - D4	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
E1 - E3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
F1 - F3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
G1 - G4	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
H1 - H3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
I1 - I5	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
J1 - J2	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
K1 - K4	ILSF	None
L1 - L5	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
M1 - M4	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
N1 - N2	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
O1 - O3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
P1 - P2	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
Q1 - Q3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
R1 - R3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
S1 - S3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
T1 - T4	ILSF	None
U1 - U8	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
V1 - V3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
W1 - W2	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
X1 - X3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
Y1 - Y3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone

**NRS FLAG
SERIES**

**DEP
CLASSIFICATION**

**JURISDICTIONAL
SETBACK**

NORTH ATTLEBORO

A1 – A3	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
B1 – B2	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
C1 – C4	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
D1 – D2	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
E1 – E5	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
F1 – F2	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
G1 – G2	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
H1 – H2	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
I1 – I2	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
J1 – J10	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone
K1 – K7	BVW	100 ft. Buffer Zone