



May 14, 2009

Peter Lowitt  
Devens Enterprise Commission  
33 Andrews Parkway,  
Devens, MA 01434

RE: Evergreen Solar Update – Noise Issue.  
Evergreen Solar, Inc.  
112 Barnum Rd., Devens, MA 01434

Dear Mr. Lowitt:

As discussed and agreed at the May 7 open meeting of the Devens Enterprise Commission, Evergreen would provide updates on the activities to reduce the noise level heard by the neighboring area. Over the past week the following activities have been taken:

- Praxair, the provider of liquefied gas products, has restricted the delivery schedule from 8am to 5pm. This began on Tuesday, May 12. That was implemented at the neighbors request at the May 7 meeting.
- An experiment was performed to reduce the pumping pressure for the liquefied gas product delivered to the Devens Facility. Noise reduction was noticed. Praxair is evaluating to determine if any issues would prevent this practice from being implemented. Determination of this improvement will be made next week. Implementation would occur immediately following a successful evaluation.

At the May 7 meeting it was also mentioned that noise was particularly loud on May 5. Investigation showed that this was the day that the Barnum Road construction began. On that particular day heavy equipment was removing the top surface of asphalt from Barnum Road and contributed to the noise level.

Sincerely,  
Craig Core  
Devens Plan Manager

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