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HAZARDOUS MATERIAL PROCESS OR PROCESSING

No person shall engage in the Process or Processing of any Hazardous Material at any Facility identified in 527 CMR 33.00 as Category 2 through Category 5 unless said Facility is in compliance with the application or permit requirements of the provisions of 527 CMR 33.04(2). A permit holder shall apply for the renewal of said permit on an annual basis. The application shall contain such information and be in a form as prescribed by the Marshal.

An applicant for the permit shall submit an application for Permit to Process Hazardous Material to the Head of the Fire Department on a form prescribed by the Fire Marshal. A facility shall be deemed in compliance with the permit requirements if a completed application form, signed and attested by the applicant has been filed and said application is pending review and approval by the head of the fire department.

For purposes of determining the permit standards the highest level of actual or possible Hazardous Processing activity shall determine the appropriate Hazardous Processing Category.

As provided in M.G.L. c. 148, § 10A, the Head of the Fire Department may deny or withhold the issuance of a permit however, such denial or withholding shall be in writing. Said notice of denial shall contain specifications of the alleged violation or deficiency together with their interpretation of 527 CMR 33.00.

The Head of the Fire Department may require a person to engage a third party Competent Professional to evaluate the adequacy of Category 3 or Category 4 facility process safety conditions, programs, procedures, and practices undertaken at the facility but only after a notice

of denial has been properly served upon the person making application. The report of the Competent Professional shall be submitted to the head of the fire department and shall include the findings, conclusions, and recommendations, if any, with respect to whether the facility is operating in compliance with the provisions of 527 CMR 33.00.

Any person who has been permitted to engage in the Process or Processing of Hazardous Material at any Facility, shall, prior to engaging in any new or modified hazardous material process activity which results in a change to the highest process category authorized by the current permit, notify the Head of the Fire Department of such new change or modification and submit a new application to appropriately modify the existing permit.

Unless specifically otherwise stated, a facility which possesses a current permit issued pursuant to 527 CMR 33.04, shall not exempt any person or facility from the requirement to obtain additional or other applicable permits, certifications or licenses under the provisions of 527 CMR, 780 CMR, or Massachusetts General Laws.