

Via Electronic Mail and US Mail

January 6, 2021



Erin O'Hare
Environmental Planner
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission
Wallingford Town Hall
45 South Main Street
Wallingford, CT 06492

**Re: IWWC #A20-7.1 / 5 & 21 Toelles Road & Wharton Brook
Pfizer Inc. Soil Remediation Project**

Dear Ms. O'Hare,

On behalf of Pfizer Inc. (Pfizer), Woodard & Curran (W&C) is providing this letter in response to the Milone & MacBroom, Inc. (MMI) letter dated December 22, 2020 regarding the subject Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (IWWC) permit application. This letter is a follow-up to our letter, dated December 29, 2020. MMI's December 22, 2020 letter was provided as a response to W&C's letter dated December 4, 2020. Our December 29, 2020 addressed the outstanding comments in MMI's December 22, 2020 letter, except for one denoted as C14. The comment is provided below in **bold** and the response follows the comment.

We respectfully request review and concurrence with our response during the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission meeting to be held on January 6, 2021.

REVIEW COMMENT

December 22, 2020 Additional Comment

C14. We recommend the Town require the following four performance bonds be requested of the Applicant and held by the Town as special conditions of approval to be returned to Applicant upon satisfactory compliance with proposed project guidelines:

- 1. Sedimentation and erosion control bond¹ (\$33,000)**
- 2. Wetland plantings bond² (\$75,000)**
- 3. Invasive species management bond (\$40,000)**
- 4. Postrestoration monitoring/reporting bond³ (\$30,000)**

¹ Value estimated based on Connecticut standards for comparably sized projects (approximately \$15,000 per acre)

² Value calculated based on 75% rate of standard plant material and labor costs for the proposed planting plan

³ Value estimated based on MMI experience with postrestoration monitoring for comparable sites (approximately \$6,000 per monitoring year)



This comment is acknowledged. We propose the following metrics for achieving satisfactory compliance for each of the bonds:

1. Sedimentation and erosion control bond
Satisfactory compliance will be achieved when site soils have stabilized following the first postrestoration growing season.
2. Wetland plantings bond
Satisfactory compliance will be achieved when wetland plantings have been established following the first postrestoration growing season.
3. Invasive species management bond
Satisfactory compliance will be achieved when the postrestoration metrics have been met and monitoring requirements have been completed. See response to comment C3 provided in the December 29, 2020 letter.
4. Postrestoration monitoring/reporting bond
Satisfactory compliance will be achieved when the postrestoration metrics have been met and monitoring requirements have been completed. See response to comment C3 in the December 29, 2020 letter.

Sincerely,

WOODARD & CURRAN, INC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lucas Hellerich".

Lucas Hellerich, PhD, PE, LEP
Senior Technical Practice Leader and Engineer

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cc: Matthew Sanford, Milone and MacBroom, Inc. (electronic only)
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