

Staff Report

Devens
Enterprise
Commission

Date: January 15, 2026
To: Devens Enterprise Commission
Cc: Chief Kelly, Devens Fire Department
From: Neil Angus, Director/Administrator
RE: 33 Jackson Road, King Street Properties and Electric Hydrogen - request for license to store flammables and combustibles

Owner/Applicant: PPF Industrial 112 Barnum LLC
Location: 112 Barnum Road, Devens, MA
Zoning: Rail, Industrial and Trade Related Uses Zoning District, Zone 2 Water Resources Protection Overlay District.

Request: The owner, on behalf of the Applicant, is seeking a Level 2 Unified Permit application for an amendment to their existing Flammables, Combustibles, and Explosives License. Their current license, issued in 2022, allows for the storage of 40 gallons of flammable liquids, 4200 gallons of combustible liquids, 80 gallons of liquid propane gas, and up to 12,000 lbs. of solid flammable materials on the property (licenses run with the land, not the tenant). The amendment request would increase the solid flammable materials to 165,000 lbs (~75,040 kg). The material is the same titanium alloy (Ti) powder as previously permitted in 7-15 kg containers stored within grounded flammable storage cabinets, within a portion of the building that is properly designed to accommodate such materials, with smoke and heat detection as well as water fire suppression systems.

The additional demand for the increase in storage of Ti powder is necessary due to the increase in the number of printing machines and efficiency/output. Storage of the Ti powder is planned in the following areas:

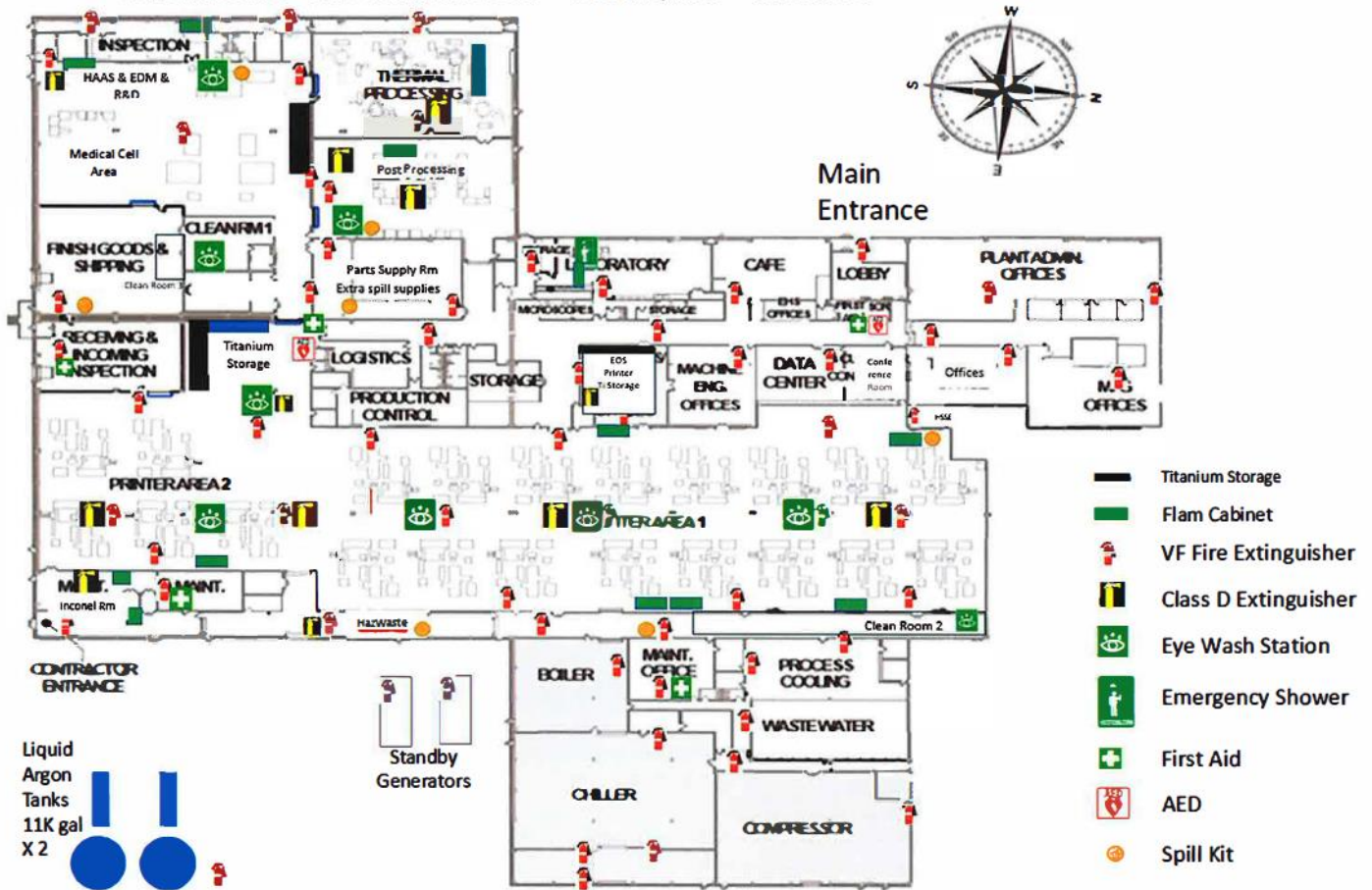
- 36 x 500 kg hoppers on rack by EDM room with maximum amount of Ti powder= 18,000kg
- 54 x 260 kg drums of Ti powder on racks by entry way to Ti64 room = 14,040kg
- 900 x 10 kg containers of Ti powder in flammable cabinets and/or drums in the Titanium Storage Area = 9,000kg
- 40 x 500 kg hoppers on printer floor (20000) + 40 reclaim buckets(6000). Max amount of Ti powder with maximum machines = 26,000kg
- 16 x 500 kg of hoppers/ drums in Ti64 room on rack- AP&C units and transfer units and on the floor. = 8,000kg (Will not always be full, max capacity is 16 x 500 kg full hoppers for 8,000 kg)

See floor plan on next page..

Devens Fire Department has conducted multiple inspections of this facility and is confident that the tenant is taking every effort to control the inherent risks associated with the existing storage and can safely accommodate the additional storage with the safety procedures and protocols in place. A combustible dust program is currently in place and will be expanded to accommodate this increase to ensure on-going safety.

Process: The application was submitted on December 3, 2025. A Determination of Completeness was issued on December 5, 2025. Copies of the application were received by the surrounding Towns on December 15, 2025. Legal notices were placed in Nashoba Publications on December 19 and 26, 2025. Certified Mail notice was sent to all abutters on December 9, 2025. The 30-day Town comment period expired on January 14, 2026. No comments were received. The 75-day time limit for the Commission to render a decision expires On February 18, 2026. As per the Massachusetts Fire Prevention Regulations, this license amendment would run with the land and be valid for 1 year and can be renewed annually through an administrative registration process as per the DEC Flammables Licensing Policy.

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Recommended Action: There are no waiver requests as part of this application. Once all questions have been addressed, if there is no additional information required, Staff would recommend the commission close the public hearing. Staff has prepared a draft Record of Decision with conditions for the commission's consideration, should you wish to act on the application at this meeting.

Attachments: Full application, combustible dust program, and supporting information is available at: https://www.devensec.com/meetings/Level_2_Application_Barnum.pdf.