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DEVENS IN THE NEWS:

Letter to Republic Services

July 30, 2025

Angelo Liquori Environmental Manager Republic Services
14 Belcher St.
Plainville, MA 02762

Re: Notice of Non-Compliance with Site Assignment and Unified Permit Conditions for 45 Independence Drive, Devens, MA
Dear Mr. Liquori,

As a follow up to a July 1, 2025 noise complaint, and our telephone conversations, recent inspections of your facility located at 45 Independence Drive in Devens, MA have found a number of conditions that are not compliant with your Site Assignment and Unified Permit conditions. These include:

Door Operations: One of your loading doors has been remaining open around the clock. As you are aware, control of the doors plays a significant role in not only the containment of the material, but also the containment of odor, noise, dust and rodents. Condition #7 of your Site Assignment states: *The Facility shall maintain truck loading Doors 1, 6 and a third door closed at all times except when necessary for loading, unloading or maintenance activities. The Applicant shall make all reasonable efforts to include Door 2 as the third door referenced above, consistent with its operational needs. Other doors shall be closed to the maximum extent possible given that the normal operations of the Facility require consistent entrance, unloading and exiting of trucks*. Condition #12 of your Site Assignment states: *"... all doors to the Facility shall be closed except when it is necessary for a truck to enter or leave the building, for maintenance purposes, or for pedestrian and rail access and egress."* All doors are required to be closed once the facility is closed. I understand that there is a mechanical issue with door #4 but door #7 has also been open during recent evening inspections as well. In addition, condition #13 of your Site Assignment states: *"The Applicant shall promptly repair any building damage that compromises the performance or ability of the Facility to contain noise and fugitive dust"*. Please ensure repair of this door is expedited and the doors are all closed outside of permitted operating hours. Please also ensure you take any necessary interim measures to contain and control material, pests, and associated emissions and provide copies of your most recent pest control records.

Exterior Storage: Numerous dumpsters are being stored around the property in locations not approved for outdoor storage. Some of these containers are filled with material. While most of this material is inert, any dumpsters filled with any material must be stored inside the building. Condition #1 of your Site Assignment states: *The Facility shall be completely enclosed with all recycling operations being conducted within the building*. Condition #23 of your Unified Permit states: *Except for those areas designated on the Site Plan entitled "General Plan: Devens Recycling Center Outside Container Storage Plan"; Prepared by ESS Group, Inc. 888 Worcester Street, Suite 240, Wellesley, MA 02482; dated April 29, 2009; Drawing No. GP-1; Scale 1"=40',*

no outdoor storage of materials and or equipment is permitted. Processing of any materials is explicitly prohibited outside . Conditions #24 and #25 of your 2009 amended Unified Permit state that "The dumpster corral on the west side of your facility is limited to empty construction and demolition debris recycling containers and properly screened. No MSW containers and/or materials are permitted to be stored in this area or anywhere outside the Facility. In addition, no more than four fully enclosed storage containers are permitted to be stored in the outside areas previously reserved for overflow parking in the rear of the Facility. All materials and equipment to be stored shall be within the fully enclosed containers. No liquid or hazardous materials are permitted to be stored within these containers ". There are mattresses being stored outside on the side of your building that must be removed immediately or pulled inside the building. Porta potties should also be removed immediately.

Hours of Operation: As previously discussed, your approved operating hours are from 7-5 M-F and 7-1 on Saturdays. There should not be any processing or loading activity outside of these hours that would generate a complaint. A recent inspection found employees working on equipment outside of the facility after 5PM. Regular maintenance activities not associated with processing should be occurring within the building or during normal business hours.

For the health and safety of you, your employees and the surrounding community, and to comply with your site assignment and unified permit, it is essential that you correct these non-compliance issues as expeditiously as possible but no later than 30 days from receipt of this notice. Failure to bring your facility into compliance with these requirements will result in the need for further enforcement action. I trust this will not be the case and appreciate your continued cooperation and attention to these issues.



Please contact my office for a follow-up inspection as soon as these items have been addressed. Sincerely,

Neil Angus, FAICP, LEED AP Director/Land Use Administrator

cc: Devens Enterprise Commission
Chief Kelly, Devens Public Safety Officer



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Veranova appoints Thomas Rohrer as vice president of bioconjugation

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Veranova, a global leader in the development and manufacturing of specialty and complex API for the pharmaceutical and biotech sectors, announced the appointment of Thomas Rohrer as vice president of bioconjugation. This appointment follows a recently announced investment to establish cGMP bioconjugation capabilities at its Devens, Massachusetts site.

Thomas brings over 40 years of experience and a comprehensive understanding of biological process development and clinical manufacturing, including 30 years of licensed biological manufacturing. Throughout his career, he has successfully delivered complex biological programmes for both clinical and commercial applications, including mammalian, microbial, vaccine, and gene therapy drug substances.

He spent 16 years at Lonza, where he led teams across several locations and departments, including biopharmaceutical manufacturing, antibody drug conjugation, biochemical technologies, project evaluation and commercial development. His extensive industry experience also includes director of process development at Human Genome Sciences (later acquired by GSK), Otsuka America Pharmaceutical, Guidepoint Global LLC, Gentz Biopharmaceutical Consulting LLC, and most recently as senior director of Bioconjugate Technology Support at Samsung Biologics.

Thomas holds a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from Shepherd University and pursued further studies at the University of Maryland's Graduate School of Engineering in the Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering, and the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment in the Netherlands (Rijks Instituut voor de Volksgezondheid). He has authored multiple publications and presentations on the manufacturing of Antibody Drug Conjugates and bioprocesses used for the manufacturing of biological therapeutics.

"We are delighted to welcome Tom as our vice president of bioconjugation," said Rohtash Kumar, senior vice president of development operations and chief technology officer at Veranova. "His invaluable experience and thought leadership in biological manufacturing will be critical as we continue to build and grow our bioconjugation offering in Devens, providing a more comprehensive suite of services to partners developing antibody drug conjugates and other bioconjugates."

Veranova is a global leader in process development and manufacturing of APIs, with a focus on specialty and complex chemistry for small molecules, antibody-drug conjugates, oligonucleotides and peptides.