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Date: June 8, 2022

Re: 1320 South St.
Battery Storage Facility

I have reviewed the permit set for the above referenced facility, dated as revised 4/12/2021. The project proposes to install a battery farm on a portion of this property, and accessed through the Town of Tewksbury. The applicant further proposes to install a sound absorbing wall between it and the residences on Moonlight Drive in Tewksbury, that appears to be 18' high. The applicant has provided a Sound Level Modeling Report dated April 12, 2022.

I have the following comments on the project:

1. The Planning Board may wish to require a peer review of the Sound Level Modeling Report.
2. The applicant should provide a sound monitoring plan that will include plans to provide both pre- and post-construction sound meter data as measured at the property line. The plan should also provide information on how compliance with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Noise Policy and industry standards will be met, and how complaints will be investigated. A staffed, 24/7 telephone number should be included in this plan.
3. While the applicant has provided information on nearby locations that are similar to this, they should arrange for a comprehensive site visit by the town's regulatory staff. It is important for us to have a physical understanding of what challenges a site such as this will create; an on-site visit will provide such an opportunity.
4. The applicant should provide a construction plan, detailing how deliveries to the site will be accepted, and where excess trucks might be diverted to await offloading. The plan should also include how neighbors and municipal officials can report complaints during construction.