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VIA EMAIL

Steve Columbo, Director of Operations
Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association
54 Pitman Avenue
Ocean Grove, New Jersey 07756

RE: Warning Letter
NJDEP File #: WRN230001 - 1334-01-1002.5
Ocean Avenue, Block 101, Lot 5
Neptune Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Columbo:

On August 07, 2023 a compliance evaluation was conducted by the Department of Environmental Protection's ('DEP') Bureau of Coastal and Land Use Compliance and Enforcement of the above referenced site. The compliance evaluation revealed that activities regulated by the State pursuant to the Coastal Area Facilities Review Act (N.J.S.A. 13:19-1 et seq.) and the regulations (N.J.A.C. 7:7-1 et seq.), have potentially taken place on the site. These activities involve the following:

Failure to comply with Special Condition #13 of Coastal Area Facility Review Act (CAFRA) Permit #1334-01-1002.5 LUP220001, which states, "The Permittee cannot limit vertical or horizontal public access to any dry sand beach area covered under this permit nor interfere with the public's right to free use of the dry sand for intermittent recreational purposes connected with the ocean and wet sand." The activities involve the use of chain and pad lock barriers to deter public access to the beach during daylight hours.


In accordance with the aforementioned Regulations, if a permittee undertakes any regulated activity authorized under a coastal permit, such action shall constitute the permittee's acceptance of the permit in its entirety as well as the permittee's agreement to abide by the permit and all conditions therein. For permit information and applications, please contact the DEP's Division of Land Resource Protection at (609) 777-0454 or at www.nj.gov/dep/landuse.

The purpose of this Warning is to advise you of the above potential violation to provide you with an opportunity to voluntarily take corrective actions and to engage in discussions with the DEP. Please be

advised, that the DEP may continue to monitor the site for compliance and we are available to provide guidance as needed.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, or if you are unsure of the location of the regulated areas on your property, please contact me at robert.clark@dep.nj.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rt H Clark", written over a horizontal line.

Robert H. Clark, Region Supervisor
Bureau of Coastal and Land Use Compliance and Enforcement

c: Neptune Township Construction Official