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By not requiring any type of local approval for less than 100,000 cubic yards of soil, soil brokers will impact every town that has open space and farmland. There is a fee charged for the acceptance of reclamation soils and without any checks and balances for every site that may be filled the desire to profit at the expense of the environment is a genuine threat.

The Mass DEP should add the requirement to file an RDA (request for determination of applicability) with the conservation commission in the town where the filling will occur before any soil is dumped.

By requiring an RDA flood plains, BVW and resource areas will not be filled for profit, With early retirement and shrinking resources Mass DEP will not be able to respond before resource areas are damaged. Local commissions have limited WPA funds and can not take on the burden of the work involved in protecting resource areas in our towns beyond what we currently do. This type of soil belongs in quarries and gravel pits, but certainly not in flood plains and resource areas.

An RDA is a very straight forward filing, Please consider this!

The local board of health should be notified at least two weeks before any reclamation soils are dumped at any site. This notification allows the town to ask any questions they may have, and would serve as a notification that reclamation soils are being reused in their town. (not an approval, just notify)

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