



**AIRPORT BUILDING ENVIRONMENTALLY-STATE-OF-THE-ART FUEL FARM
Above-ground System will replace Underground Tank**

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HYANNIS – Barnstable Airport has begun construction of a 60,000-gallon, above-ground jet fuel farm that will eventually replace an older 20,000 gallon underground storage tank.

“This is a major step forward environmentally,” said Airport Manager Roland “Bud” Breault. “We want to get our fuel reserves above ground to add a greater margin of safety for Cape Cod’s sole source aquifer, the water recharge area and the nearby wells that serve Hyannis.”

“It will be state-of-the-art environmentally,” he added. “The \$1.5 million facility will meet or exceed state and federal standards. To ensure against a possible fuel leak, the system will be built with triple redundancy and an alarm system.”

The fuel farm will be built on the airfield over the next six months by Lawrence Lynch Corp. of Falmouth. It was designed by Jacobs Engineering.

Once tested and put into operation, it will replace multiple a tank that has been in use for more than 20 years. The project will be paid for by the airport’s enterprise fund reserves. There are no federal or state grant funds available.

Breault noted that the design, construction plans and permits have gone through the Town of Barnstable’s site plan review and licensing; they have also been reviewed by the town’s growth management and water supply departments, and have been approved by the Cape Cod Commission and the state Fire Marshall.

The airport's jet fuel sales have grown exponentially in recent years, Breault said. More than a million gallons were sold last year, producing more than \$4 million in revenue. The main fuel buyers include commercial air carriers and private and corporate aircraft operators.

The fuel farm's capacity is being increased to keep up with demand and to reduce the requirement for frequent fuel deliveries. Even with the increased capacity, the airport remains under the hazardous materials limit established by the Cape Cod Commission, Breault noted.

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