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Town of Oak Bluffs
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RE: MVRHS Artificial Turf

The Oak Bluffs Shellfish Committee has concerns about the proposed installation of artificial turf at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School.

- What type of chemicals will need to be applied to the artificial turf?
- What will be done to protect the Island's aquifer from the leaching of chemicals from the artificial turf?
- What about Lagoon Pond and Sengekontacket Pond as these ponds are already compromised with nitrogen loading.
- What will happen to the artificial turf when it needs to be replaced? Do we want to put more plastic into a landfill somewhere?
- What type of gases will be emitted once the artificial turf begins to break down from use?

We feel that the use of artificial turf would not be beneficial to Lagoon Pond, Sengekontacket Pond or the Island's sole source aquifer. We are requesting that our concerns be forwarded to the Oak Bluffs Planning Board and the Martha's Vineyard Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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