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RE: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority
Permit Number MA0103284
Part 1.7 Quarterly Ambient Monitoring Report

Dear Ms. Murphy and Mr. Haas:

I am pleased to submit a recently-finalized interpretive synthesis report providing results from MWRA’s baseline Outfall Monitoring Program and permit-required Ambient Monitoring program. Part I.7.c.iv of the permit requires:

“The results of all monitoring required by the ambient monitoring plan or the eutrophication model shall be reported to EPA, MADEP, OMSAP and NMFS, on a quarterly basis.”

The enclosed report contains results from marine mammal observations made during surveys throughout calendar 2000, and therefore reports both on baseline and on ambient monitoring results.

MWRA does not anticipate that any synthesis reports containing discharge monitoring data will be finalized before summer, 2001. The first discharge monitoring synthesis reports will be the second semi-annual water report from 2000 and the 2000 nutrient flux report, however we will continue to submit baseline reports as they are finalized.

MWRA will provide raw monitoring data upon request.
If you require additional information or need clarification, please contact Michael Mickelson, Program Manager for Outfall Monitoring at (617) 788-4746.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: One Monitoring Report


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