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Ms. Linda Murphy, Director
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Mr. Glenn Haas, Acting Assistant Commissioner
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RE: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority Permit Number MA 0103284
Commercial Point CSO Facility

Dear Ms. Murphy and Mr. Haas:

In my July 12, 2002 letter, I notified you that MWRA lowered the Commercial Point CSO treatment facility bypass weir elevation at inlet diversion structure from 111.3' to 109.3' in order to minimize the possibility of upstream flooding and to compensate for increased stormwater flows from sewer separation activities in the surrounding area.

Since that time, MWRA staff performed additional hydraulic evaluations of flows tributary to the Commercial Point CSO treatment facility and determined that the bypass weir could be raised back to elevation 111.3'. However, during certain high intensity wet weather events, MWRA may find it necessary to temporarily lower the weir elevation down to 109.3' to minimize the possibility of upstream flooding and to compensate for increased stormwater flows. If a bypass occurs in the future, MWRA will notify you in accordance with its NPDES permit.

If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to call Grace Bigornia-Vitale at 788-4716.

Sincerely,

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Chief Operating Officer

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