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Re: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, Permit Number MA0103284
Part I.7 Quarterly Ambient Monitoring Report

Dear Mr. Haas and Ms. Murphy:

I am pleased to submit MWRA’s quarterly report on ambient monitoring results.¹ No new reports are available for submission this quarter; we anticipate that a number of interpretive reports based on our monitoring in 2003 will be finalized in the next quarter and submitted at the end of July.

Additionally, as called for in the revised Ambient Monitoring Plan², MWRA submitted a study design earlier this quarter detailing the steps that are being undertaken to further investigate the blind side ulcers observed on winter flounder during the 2003 flounder study³. The study design is not included in this mailing.

MWRA will provide raw monitoring data upon request. Please let me know if any of MWRA's staff can give you additional assistance regarding these reports.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Hornbrook
Chief Operating Officer

¹ 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.”


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