

April 11, 2008

Mr. Glenn Haas, Acting Assistant Commissioner  
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Mr. Stephen Perkins, Director  
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Re: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, Permit Number MA0103284  
Part I.7 Quarterly Ambient Monitoring Report

Dear Mr. Haas and Mr. Perkins:

I am pleased to submit MWRA's quarterly report on ambient monitoring results.<sup>1</sup> Two interpretive reports are available for submission this quarter. The first report details the results of MWRA's flounder monitoring in 2007, while the second summarizes whale observations made during MWRA's field monitoring last year.

The quarterly ambient monitoring summary report that is required in the Contingency Plan is also attached.

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

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<sup>1</sup> 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."

Enclosure: Two monitoring reports.

Nestler EC, Moore MJ and Pembroke A. 2008. **2007 Flounder report for fish and shellfish monitoring**. Boston: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. Report 2008-05. 18 p. <http://www.mwra.state.ma.us/harbor/enquad/pdf/2008-05.pdf>

Wisneski C, Weinrich M and Jaquet N. 2008. **Summary of marine mammal observations during 2007 surveys**. Boston: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. Report 2008-04. 17 p. <http://www.mwra.state.ma.us/harbor/enquad/pdf/2008-04.pdf>

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