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Mr. Stephen Perkins, Director
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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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 the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's ("MWRA's") quarterly report on ambient monitoring results.¹ Five interpretive reports are included. Two reports detail modeling simulations for 2005 conditions (as required in Part I.7.a.(1) of MWRA's NPDES permit) using the hydrodynamic and Bays Eutrophication Model. The three other reports are a statistical evaluation of changes in fish and shellfish in tissue contaminant levels before and after the bay outfall went online, a summary of the results of MWRA's effluent and Massachusetts Bay floatables sampling, and the 2007 results of MWRA's benthic nutrient flux special study.

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

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."

Enclosure: Five monitoring reports.

Jiang M, Zhou M. 2008. **The Massachusetts and Cape Cod Bays hydrodynamic model: 2005 simulation.** Boston: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. Report 2008-12. 58 p.

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Kane-Driscoll S, Edwards M, Pembroke A, Nestler EC, Gurshin C. 2008. **Changes in contaminants in winter flounder, lobster, and caged mussels in Massachusetts and Cape Cod Bays and Boston Harbor: 1995-2006.** Boston: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. Report 2008-09. 73 p.

Rex AC, Tyler C, Wu D, Liang SY. 2008. **Summary of floatables observations in Deer Island Treatment Plant effluent and at the Massachusetts Bay discharge site 2000-2007.** Boston: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. Report 2008-08. 20 p.

Tucker J, Kelsey S, Giblin AE, Hopkinson Jr CS. 2008. **2007 Annual benthic nutrient flux monitoring report.** Boston: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. Report 2008-14. 59 p.

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