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RE: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority
Permit Number MA 0103284
Quarterly Ambient Monitoring Results and Contingency Plan Reporting

Dear Ms. Studlien and Mr. Ferris:

In fulfillment of Part 1.7.c.iv of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (“MWRA’s”) permit, “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,” I am pleased to submit the MWRA’s quarterly report on ambient monitoring results.

Three reports were completed this quarter. The first is a water column report which presents water quality monitoring results from 2014 in Massachusetts and Cape Cod Bays. The second is the 2014 outfall benthic monitoring report which summarizes the results of sea-floor (benthic) monitoring conducted around the outfall in 2014. The last is the chlorophyll calibration report which details the observations of calibrated chlorophyll fluorescence and turbidity at the Northeastern Regional Association of Coastal and Ocean Observing Systems (NERACOOS) buoy in Massachusetts Bay.

In addition, a hard copy of the on-line Contingency Plan Report, Third Quarter 2015, Ambient Monitoring, is attached.

MWRA will provide raw monitoring data upon request. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Betsy Reilley at 617-788-4940.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Hornbrook
Chief Operating Officer
Enclosures: Three Ambient Monitoring reports. These reports are available online at http://www.mwra.state.ma.us/harbor/enquad/trlist.html. To request a hard copy, please email web.enquad@mwra.state.ma.us or call Betsy Reilley at (617) 788-4940.

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