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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 Ms. King:

In fulfillment of Part I.7.c.iv of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (“MWRA”) 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.

As part of this report, two publications completed this quarter are attached. The first report is the 2016 Outfall Benthic Monitoring report, which summarizes the results of sea-floor (benthic) monitoring conducted around the Deer Island outfall in 2016. The second is MWRA’s Contingency Plan Report for Ambient Monitoring for the Third Quarter of 2017.

Findings in these reports are consistent with observations made since outfall start-up in September 2000, indicating that MWRA’s outfall discharge is not adversely impacting the environment.

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,

Carolyn Fiore
Deputy Chief Operating Officer
Enclosures: Two Ambient Monitoring reports. These reports are available online. To request a hard copy, please email web.enquad@mwra.com or call Betsy Reilley at (617) 788-4940.

Reports:


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