



**ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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In re Charles River Pollution Control	)	
District	)	NPDES Appeal No. 26-02
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NPDES Permit No. MA0102598	)	
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**ORDER EXTENDING STAY OF PROCEEDINGS AND DIRECTING STATUS
REPORTS**

Issued March 16, 2026

Order of the Board by Judge Avila:

The Environmental Appeals Board issued an order granting a stay of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter so that EPA Region 1 and Charles River Pollution Control District (“District”) could explore the possibility of a negotiated resolution. Order Granting Stay of Proceedings and Directing Status Report (Jan. 23, 2026). The Board also directed the parties to submit a status report that explained the parties “view on further proceedings, including whether the parties anticipate being able to continue progress towards a settlement and the basis for any further stay should one be requested.” *Id.* at 2. On March 12, 2026, the parties filed a Joint Status Report and Motion to Extend Stay, reporting that the parties have “made significant progress towards a potential agreement and resolution of the issue presented” in the District’s petition for review. Joint Status Report and Motion to Extend Stay, at 1 (Mar. 12, 2026). The

parties also represent that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“MassDEP”) is participating in the discussions and that the parties have considered a resolution that would require MassDEP to undertake “certain technical analyses and regulatory measures relating to the issue on appeal.” *Id.* The parties therefore request an extension of the current stay to July 21, 2026, and offer to provide a status report at 45-day intervals after issuance of the extension of the stay. *Id.* at 1-2.

Based on the representations in the Joint Status Report and Motion to Extend Stay, the Board **GRANTS** the motion. *See* 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(n). Accordingly, all proceedings in this matter are stayed until **Tuesday, July 21, 2026**. The Board directs the parties to submit a status report in 45-day intervals after the issuance of this order extending stay of proceedings. In each status report, the parties shall set forth their views on further proceedings, including a recommendation and explanation as to whether the Board should maintain or lift the stay. The Board will issue a further order based on the parties’ status report as appropriate.

So ordered.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that copies of the foregoing *Order Extending Stay of Proceedings and Directing Status Reports* in the matter of Charles River Pollution Control District, NPDES Appeal No. 26-02, were sent to the following persons on March 16, 2026, in the manner indicated:

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