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Eurika Durr Clerk, EPA Environmental Appeals Board (202) 233-0121

From: Samir Bukhari Attorney, Office of Regional Counsel EPA, Region 1

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Re:

Status Report on Mediation and Permit Modification Proceedings City of Marlborough, Marlborough Westerly Wastewater Treatment Facility NPDES Appeal Nos. 05-05 and 05-09 NPDES Permit No. MA0100480



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 1 1 CONGRESS STREET, SUITE 1100

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VIA FAX AND EXPRESS MAIL

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Attn: Eurika Durr Clerk of the Board, Environmental Appeals Board Colorado Building 1341 G Street, N.W., Suite 600 Washington, D.C. 20005

Re: Status Report

City of Marlborough Westerly Wastewater Treatment Facility NPDES Permit No. MA0100480 Appeal Nos. NPDES 05-05 and 05-09

Dear Ms. Durr:

Enclosed are two (2) originals and five (5) copies of a Status Report on Mediation and Permit Modification Proceedings submitted by EPA-New England Region in the above-referenced NPDES permit appeals.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 617-918-1095.

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Samir Bukhari Attorney Advisor Office of Regional Counsel US EPA-Region 1

Enclosure

cc: Donald Anglehart, Esq., City of Marlborough Kenneth L. Kimmell, Esq., Organization for the Assabet River Peter Shelley, Esq., John A. Pike, Esq. & John L. Davenport, Esq., CLF Glenn Haas, DEP Deirdre Desmond, Esq., DEP Roger Janson, EPA-Region 1 Dave Pincumbe, EPA-Region 1 Carl Dierker, EPA-Region 1 Ann Williams, EPA-Region 1 Sheila Igoe, EPA-OGC

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In re

City of Marlborough Westerly Wastewater Treatment Facility Permit No. MA0100480 Appeal Nos. NPDES 05-05 and 05-09

STATUS REPORT ON MEDIATION AND PERMIT MODIFICATION PROCEEDINGS

The United States Environmental Protection Agency, New England Region ("Region") respectfully submits this status report to the Environmental Appeals Board ("Board") with respect to the above-captioned matter.

The Region is awaiting an executed notice of voluntary withdrawal from the City of Marlborough ("Marborough"). Marlborough has requested that the Region hold such notice in escrow pending a decision by the Organization for the Assabet River ("OAR") to similarly withdraw its appeal. The Region understands that OAR's Board of Directors will meet to consider the offer on March 29, 2006. In the event OAR decides to withdraw, the Region and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection will assist Marlborough and OAR to coordinate their respective filings and dispose of all pending federal and state appeals. Resolution of the appeals will allow the major upgrade of the Marlborough Westerly Wastewater Facility to commence. The Region will provide the Board with an additional status report shortly after it learns of OAR's final decision and will at that time suggest a future course of action. Until then, the Region respectfully requests that the Board delay taking further action with respect to the pending appeals in order to allow settlement efforts to conclude. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency New England Region

By its Counsel, Samir Bukhari Attorney Advisor Office of Regional Counsel U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1 Congress Street, Suite 1100 (RAA) Boston, MA 02114-2023 (617) 918-1095

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Dated: March 24, 2006

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

<u>I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Status Report on Mediation and Permit</u> Modification Proceedings in the matter of City of Marlborough Westerly Wastewater Treatment Facility (Permit No. MA0100480), NPDES Appeal Nos. NPDES 05-05 and 05-09, were sent to the following persons in the manner indicated:

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Appeals Board Attn: Eurika Durr, Clerk of the Board Colorado Building 1341 G Street, N.W., Suite 600 Washington, D.C. 20005

Samir Bukhari, Attorney EPA - Region 1 Office of Regional Counsel

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