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Mr. Neil J. Harrington
Town Manager
Town Of Salisbury
5 Beach Road
Salisbury, MA 01952

Re: Administrative Order Docket No. 11-012

Dear Mr. Harrington:

EPA has reviewed your July 2014 Town of Salisbury Tidal Discharge Study Scope of Work ("Scope of Work") submitted in accordance with the requirements of Administrative Order Docket No. 11-012. EPA approves the portions of the Scope of Work presented in sections 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4 of the Scope of Work and the schedule presented in section 3.0 of the Scope of Work. We are hopeful that this study will produce a viable alternative to achieve permit compliance with effluent ammonia nitrogen and copper limits through the use of a tidal discharge system to obtain additional dilution when discharging during a limited, prescribed period in the tidal cycle.

EPA is not approving the regulatory option described in section 2.5 of the Scope of Work (Metals Translator, Water Effects Ratio for Metals and Ammonia). The metals translator and Water Effects Ratio evaluations may be undertaken independently with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) in the context of a site-specific water quality criteria proposal. A site-specific water quality criteria adopted by MassDEP and approved by EPA would be needed prior to the use of either of these approaches in a permit.

In approving the Implementation Schedule presented in Figure 3-1, EPA understands that the calendar dates in the figure are no longer applicable. The Task 1 start date shall be the date of receipt of this approval letter. Subsequent Tasks shall be completed within the duration specified in the Implementation Schedule. We note that the duration of Tasks 7 (Design and Permitting) and 8 (Construction) are shown as "estimated". The Town should notify EPA and MassDEP if it becomes aware of the need to adjust these durations.

Finally, as you are aware, the copper and nitrogen ammonia effluent limits have been retained in a recent draft permit and nickel limits have also been added. Once the NPDES Permit is in effect EPA is willing to discuss extending the interim limits for copper and nitrogen ammonia of

the Administrator Order, and adding an interim limit for nickel, while the Tidal Discharge Study and any subsequent construction is completed.

If you have any questions feel free to contact George Harding of my staff at 617-918-1870.

Sincerely,



Denny Dart, Manager
Water Enforcement Unit

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