

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION I

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# VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY VIA FACSIMILE

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

Re:

NPDES Appeal No. 05-14

NPDES Permit No. MA0005282

Texon USA

Russell, Massachusetts

Date: January 27, 2006

Dear Ms. Durt,

Enclosed please find an original and five copies of the Agency's Motion to Dismiss in the above-captioned case.

Sincerely,

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# BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C.

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## MOTION TO DISMISS

The New England Region of the Environmental Protection Agency ("Region") respectfully submits to the Environmental Appeals Board ("Board") this motion to dismiss NPDES Appeal No. 05-14.

#### GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL

On September 9, 2005, the Region reissued a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit, No. MA0005282 ("Permit"), to Texon USA ("Petitioner"). On October 6, 2005, the Petitioner timely filed a petition for review with the Board contesting a single condition in the Permit ("Contested Condition").

On December 19, 2005, after consultation with Petitioner, the Region issued for public comment a draft permit modification that withdrew the Contested Condition and replaced it with an alternative requirement. On January 21, 2006, having received no comments during the comment period, the Region issued a final permit modification that withdrew the Contested Condition and replaced it with an alternative requirement.

Because the Petition only challenged the Contested Condition, the withdrawal and replacement of that condition has rendered the Petition moot. See, e.g., In re City of Port St. Joe, Florida, 5 E.A.D. 6, 8 (1994).

#### REQUESTED RELIEF

The Region respectfully requests that the Board dismiss the Petition in its entirety. As noted in a letter dated January 26, 2006 that Petitioner recently filed with the Board, Petitioner assents to this disposition.

Respectfully submitted,

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, New England Region

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Ronald A. Fein, hereby certify that one original and five copies of the foregoing Motion to Dismiss were transmitted by overnight delivery on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2006 to the Clerk of the Board, Environmental Appeals Board, 1341 G Street, N.W., Suite 600 Washington, D.C. 20005, and that copies of the foregoing were sent by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, to the following persons:

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