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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 23, 2026

RE: Proposed Consent Agreement and Final Order: *In the Matter of Grafton & Upton Railroad Company, Inc.*, Docket No. CWA-01-2026-0034

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In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b), please find enclosed a Consent Agreement and proposed Final Order that will simultaneously commence and settle the Clean Water Act (CWA) claims at issue in the above-captioned action. The Consent Agreement has been signed by the parties and is now being submitted for your approval.

Under the terms of this Consent Agreement and proposed Final Order, Respondent will pay an administrative civil penalty of \$27,000 to resolve violations of Section 301 and 404 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1311, 1344. The alleged violations occurred on property located at 364 West Street in Hopedale, Massachusetts. The proposed penalty is consistent with the statutory penalty factors in the CWA and the Civil Penalty Policy for CWA Section 404.

The 30-day public notice period on the action plus ten days has passed. No comments were received. The public notice can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/publicnotices/actions-open-public-comment-epa-new-england#cwa>.

Encls.

Proposed Consent Agreement and Final Order  
Certificate of Service

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