



**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
	)	
NPDES Permit No. MA0102598	)	
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**SECOND ORDER EXTENDING STAY OF PROCEEDINGS AND
DIRECTING STATUS REPORTS**

Issued July 21, 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 Chales River Pollution Control District (“CRPCD”) could explore the possibility of a negotiated resolution. Order Granting Stay of Proceedings and Directing Status Report (Jan. 23, 2026). The Board subsequently extended the stay and directed the parties to submit status reports at forty-five-day intervals. Order Extending Stay of Proceedings and Directing Status Reports at 2 (Mar. 16, 2026). On July 20, 2026, the parties filed a Joint Status Report and Motion for Continuance of Stay of the Proceedings, stating that, in addition to this appeal, CRPCD has also appealed the Massachusetts Permit to Discharge Pollutants to Surface Waters issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”). Joint Status Report and Motion for Continuance of Stay of the Proceedings

at 1 (July 20, 2026). The parties represent that EPA, CRPCD, and DEP “continue to engage in productive discussions” and “have determined that the most efficient and practical course of action is to seek to resolve both federal and state permit appeals concurrently.” *Id.* The parties move to continue the stay for an additional six months with status reports due every forty-five days. *Id.* at 2.

Based on the representations in the Joint Status Report and Motion for Continuance of Stay of the Proceedings, the Board **GRANTS** the motion. *See* 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(n).

Accordingly, all proceedings in this matter are stayed until **Thursday, January 21, 2027**. The Board directs the parties to submit status reports at forty-five-day intervals from the issuance of this order. 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 *Second 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 July 21, 2026, in the manner indicated:

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