

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

In re:

City of Keene

NPDES Appeal No. 21-03

NPDES Permit No. NH-0100790

ORDER FOR CLARIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

Pending before the Environmental Appeals Board ("Board") is a petition for review challenging a Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1 ("Region") to the City of Keene, New Hampshire ("City"). The case is set for oral argument on April 7, 2022. The Board is issuing this Order to obtain clarification about a document in the administrative record and to facilitate efficient resolution of the case.

The Region filed the Certified Administrative Record Index ("A.R. Index") on December 15, 2021. On February 25, 2022, the Board requested that the Region submit copies of identified records from the A.R. Index, including document number G.2. "Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology[,] NHDES-R-WD-20-20 October 16, 2020." The Region submitted documents on March 3, 2022, including a document labeled A.R. Index number G.2, titled "2020 Section 305(b) and 303(d) Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology," and dated October 16, 2020. This document is stamped with a "DRAFT" watermark. Furthermore, the Region's response to comments references a document, titled "2018 Section 305(b) and 303(d) Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology," and dated January 3, 2020. Resp. to Cmts. at 47 & n.7.

To ensure that the Board has a complete and accurate A.R. Index, the Board directs the Region to file a response clarifying which version of the Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology is included in the administrative record for this permit and, if necessary, providing an updated A.R. Index with any corrections, on or before Monday, **April 4, 2022**. *See* 40 C.F.R. §§ 124.17(b) (stating that "documents cited in the response to comments shall be included in the administrative record for the final permit decision"), 124.18 (specifying contents of administrative record).

So ordered.

ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

Dated: ____ Mar 30, 2022

By: Many Kay Lynch

Mary Kay Lynch Environmental Appeals Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that copies of the foregoing **ORDER FOR CLARIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD** in the matter of *City of Keene*, NPDES Appeal No. 21-03, were sent to the following persons by electronic mail:

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