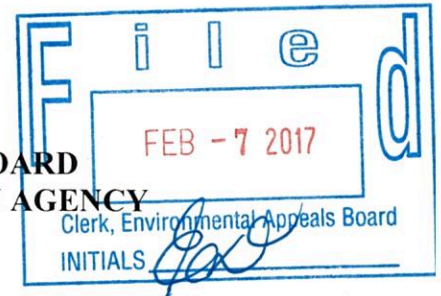


BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C.



In re:)
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Bridgewater Wastewater Treatment Plant)

NPDES Appeal No. 16-01

NPDES Permit No. MA0100641)
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**ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR
FURTHER STAY OF PROCEEDINGS**

On September 6, 2017, the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, and Region 1 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency filed a status report and joint motion for further stay of proceedings in this petition for review. The parties state that they are actively involved in settlement negotiations and expect to conclude their discussions by March 20, 2017. Toward that end, the parties jointly request that the Environmental Appeals Board (“Board”) continue to defer consideration of Region 1’s pending motion to dismiss until March 20, 2017. The parties explain that, based on their discussions to date, they believe a negotiated resolution of the Town’s pending appeal is likely. The parties propose to confer and report to the Board on whether they have reached agreement, whether cause exists for a limited additional stay of proceedings to allow settlement discussions to conclude, or whether the stay should be lifted.


For good cause shown, the Board grants the parties’ joint motion – the Board will defer consideration of the Region’s motion to dismiss until **Monday, March 20, 2017**. On or before **Monday, March 20, 2017**, the parties are ordered to submit to the Board (either jointly or independently) a report on the status of the settlement discussions and whether a further deferral of the Board’s consideration of the Region’s motion to dismiss would materially assist any ongoing settlement discussions. (The Board’s previous stay of the Region’s response to the

petition for review and certified index filings remains in effect pending further order of the Board.)

So ordered.

ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD¹

Dated: 02/07/17

By: 

Aaron P. Avila
Environmental Appeals Judge

¹ The panel responsible for this order consists of Environmental Appeals Judges Aaron P. Avila, Mary Kay Lynch, and Mary Beth Ward.

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