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Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2014 10:18 AM
To: Murphy, Susan
Cc: JFederico@BETA-Inc.com; thoye@taunton-ma.gov
Subject: Re: City of Taunton - Draft Permit #MA0100897 - Supplemental comment submission and request for new analyses/reopening permit comment period

Dear Ms. Murphy

I am thoroughly aware of how the NPDES administrative record process operates. Suggesting that we travel to Boston to scour the administrative record to determine the bases for the claims EPA made in the recent meeting with the City is not appropriate. That is an unnecessary cost to the City. As noted in my earlier email to you we will repackage the information request under FOIA to obtain the information.

In the meanwhile please consider this message as converting my earlier correspondence to you as a FOIA request.

Regards

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 30, 2014, at 9:33 AM, "Murphy, Susan" <Murphy.Susan@epa.gov> wrote:

Dear Mr. Hall -

We have reviewed your correspondence of September 16, a "supplemental comment" letter requesting that the Region "promptly" provide you with "supplemental information" purportedly discussed at the recent meeting between Region 1 and the City of Taunton.

As you are aware, 40 CFR Part 124 sets forth the process for participation in the permitting process and includes the development of an Administrative Record which is available for review by any interested member of the public. While the Administrative Record is not final until the Final Permit is issued, documents are added to it continually during the development of the Final Permit pursuant to 40 CFR 124.18(c). If you or any other representative of the City would like to review the Administrative Record in EPA's offices in Boston, please contact me to arrange an appointment. I believe this may address most of the City's interest in the information that EPA has received in support of the Final Permit to date

Sincerely,

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